

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 14 THROUGH MAY 20, 2023, TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Introduced By: Senator David P. Tikoian

Date Introduced: May 03, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, President John Kennedy signed a proclamation declaring May 15th
2 of each year to be National Police Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls
3 to be National Police Week. In 1994, President Clinton directed that the United States flag be
4 flown at half-staff every May 15th; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, during the week of May 14 through May 20, Rhode Islanders
6 remember and honor all the brave men and women serving as police and law enforcement
7 officers who through the years have made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the public in
8 service to our nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Thus far in 2023, 556 officers have been killed in the line of duty across
10 America; and

11 WHEREAS, Per the FBI data base, 323 police officers were shot in 2022, and 60,105
12 officers were assaulted while performing their duties. FBI Director Christopher Wray has stated
13 that on average, a law enforcement officer is murdered more often than every five days in the
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), a nonprofit
16 organization that keeps track of all statistics related to law enforcement officers killed in the line
17 of duty, since 1791, there have been 26,291 known line-of-duty deaths, including 54 from the
18 State of Rhode Island; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year during National Police Week, approximately 25,000 to 40,000
2 attendees congregate in Washington D.C., at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3 where they attend vigils and services to honor the memory of all the police and law enforcement
4 officers who have perished in service to our nation; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May 14
6 through May 20 of 2023, to be "National Police Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of the resolution to the International Brotherhood of Police Officers,
10 Mr. Patrick Yoes, National President, Fraternal Order of Police, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs
11 Association, and the Rhode Island Troopers Association.

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