

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 297

Reps. Hall, Cherry, Haadsma, Harris, Hertel, Hope, Koleszar, Lightner, Morse, Sabo, Shannon, Sneller, Steenland, Witwer and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to declare May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week in the  
2 state of Michigan.

3           Whereas, In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as  
4 National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which  
5 May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint  
6 resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special  
7 recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their  
8 lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others;  
9 and

10           Whereas, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers  
11 serving in communities across the United States, including the

1 approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in  
2 Michigan. These dedicated individuals serve in more than 600 state,  
3 county, and local departments; and

4       Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation  
5 and respect of the people of Michigan for the merit, dignity,  
6 bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must  
7 also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as  
8 each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to  
9 protect us; and

10       Whereas, In 2021 alone, 458 law enforcement officers were  
11 killed in the line of duty across the country. The names of these  
12 dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National  
13 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

14       Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,  
15 nor will their service to their respective communities. By  
16 choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave  
17 individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their  
18 lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a  
19 noble career, and protecting the public safety; and

20       Whereas, Michigan citizens have turned to members of law  
21 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,  
22 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling  
23 through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely  
24 on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on  
25 our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of  
26 our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful  
27 for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of  
28 this state; now, therefore, be it

29       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare May 15-21, 2022, as Police Week in  
2 the state of Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law  
3 enforcement officers in our state and nation and honor police who  
4 place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their  
5 communities.