

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

Senator Theis offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate May 14-20, 2023, as Police Week.

2 Whereas, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May  
3 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, while the calendar  
4 week in which May 15th falls is also known as National Police Week;  
5 and

6 Whereas, National Police Week was established by a joint  
7 resolution of Congress in 1962, paying special recognition to those  
8 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty  
9 or for the safety and protection of others; and

10 Whereas, There are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers  
11 serving in communities across the United States, including the  
12 approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in

1 Michigan; and

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

8       Whereas, In 2022, 245 law enforcement officers were killed and  
9 many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The  
10 names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate  
11 sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement  
12 Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

13       Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten,  
14 or will their service to their respective communities. By choosing  
15 to serve as law enforcement officers, these courageous individuals  
16 answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in  
17 jeopardy to protect; and

18       Whereas, We applaud them for recognizing service as their  
19 honorable career, securing the public safety, and commend those who  
20 serve without incident to date; and

21       Whereas, Michigan citizens have turned to members of law  
22 enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress,  
23 whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains  
24 of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural  
25 disaster; and

26       Whereas, Our communities rely on these courageous individuals  
27 when it is difficult to stand on our own. We are indebted to the  
28 unwavering public service of our local and state police and are  
29 both fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law

1 enforcement officers to the people of Michigan; now, therefore, be  
2 it

3       Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
4 body commemorate May 14-20, 2023, as Police Week. We openly salute  
5 the law enforcement officers in our communities, in addition to  
6 those in our state and country, and honor police who sacrifice  
7 their lives for the safety and security of all.