

## Senate Resolution 72

By: Senators Robertson of the 29th, Albers of the 56th, Cowsert of the 46th, Kennedy of the 18th, Moore of the 53rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 8, 2023, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and  
2 commending law enforcement officers in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol exists to honor this state's  
4 law enforcement officers for putting their lives on the line every day and to commend them  
5 for everything they do; and

6 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers are highly trained professionals who work  
7 overtime to ensure the safety of our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, the Office of the Sheriff is the oldest law enforcement office known throughout  
9 history; sheriffs are duly elected constitutional officers and the only lawfully commissioned  
10 chief law enforcement officers in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia Police Departments provide police services in the State of Georgia that  
12 are aimed at achieving more effective and efficient crime control, a reduced fear of crime,  
13 an improved quality of life, and an improved police legitimacy through a proactive reliance  
14 on community resources that seeks to minimize crime-causing conditions and ensures that  
15 all Georgia citizens are served in a professional, ethical, and equitable manner by

16 establishing strong commitments with all segments of society based on trust and positive,  
17 professional relationships; and

18 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers from Georgia's state agencies, including the Georgia  
19 State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies, work cooperatively to enhance public safety  
20 by enforcing traffic laws and traffic investigations; providing assistance in areas of criminal  
21 investigations and forensic laboratory services; responding to natural disasters; enforcing  
22 hunting laws and boating safety; and many other areas that support the overall mission of  
23 crime prevention and public safety for the citizens of Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, the Georgia Public Safety Memorial Wall was dedicated to honor these brave  
25 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting life and property in the  
26 proud tradition of the public safety services; and

27 WHEREAS, Georgia law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day as they  
28 serve with honor, courage, dignity, and concern for their fellow citizens.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
30 recognize February 8, 2023, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at the Capitol and  
31 commend law enforcement officers in Georgia for protecting our communities and for  
32 putting their lives on the line every day.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Georgia law  
35 enforcement officers.