

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1025

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming May 10 to May 16, 2015, as
10 Police Week in the State of Oklahoma; and saluting
11 the service of all law enforcement officers in this
12 state and across the nation.

13 WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement
14 officers serving in communities across the United States, including
15 the dedicated members of the law enforcement community of our great
16 state;

17 WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers
18 are reported each year resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries to
19 law enforcement officers;

20 WHEREAS, since the first recorded law enforcement officer death
21 in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United
22 States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line
23 of duty, including 488 Oklahoma law enforcement officers of
24 municipal police departments, county sheriff offices, the Alcoholic

1 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma Bureau of
2 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Oklahoma State Bureau of
3 Investigation, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and the Oklahoma Highway
4 Patrol Marine Enforcement Branch of the Department of Public Safety,
5 the State Department of Corrections, the Department of Wildlife
6 Conservation, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Will Rogers World
7 Airport Police Department and the United States Marshals Service of
8 Oklahoma;

9 WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are
10 engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers
11 Memorial in Washington, D.C.;

12 WHEREAS, 273 new names of fallen law enforcement officer heroes
13 are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
14 this spring, including 117 law enforcement officers killed in 2014
15 and 156 law enforcement officers killed in previous years;

16 WHEREAS, 11 new names of fallen Oklahoma law enforcement officer
17 heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers
18 Memorial this spring, including 3 law enforcement officers killed in
19 2014 and 8 law enforcement officers killed in previous years;

20 WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement
21 officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the 27th
22 Annual Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the National Law Enforcement
23 Officers Memorial Fund on the evening of May 13, 2015;

1 WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as National Peace Officers
2 Memorial Day in honor of all fallen law enforcement officers and
3 their families; and

4 WHEREAS, in observance of National Peace Officers Memorial Day,
5 United States flags should be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2015.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

8 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives formally designates
9 May 10 to May 16, 2015, as "Police Week" in the State of Oklahoma;
10 and

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives publicly salutes the
12 service of law enforcement officers in our community and state and
13 communities across the nation.

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