

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1066

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution proclaiming May 15-21, 2016, as Police
10 Week in the State of Oklahoma; and saluting the
11 service of all law enforcement officers in this state
12 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; and

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; and

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; and

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.; and

12 WHEREAS, 252 new names of fallen law enforcement officer heroes
13 are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
14 this spring, including 123 law enforcement officers killed in 2015
15 and 129 law enforcement officers killed in previous years; and

16 WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement
17 officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the 28th
18 Annual Candlelight Vigil sponsored by the National Law Enforcement
19 Officers Memorial Fund on the evening of May 13, 2016; and

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

23 WHEREAS, in observance of National Peace Officers Memorial Day,
24 United States flags should be flown at half-staff on May 15, 2016.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

3 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives formally designates
4 May 15-21, 2016, as "Police Week" in the State of Oklahoma; and

5 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives publicly salutes the
6 service of law enforcement officers in our community and state and
7 communities across the nation.

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