## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 486 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY MARCELL, LABS, MCNEILL, GREINER, CONKLIN, DEASY, ROZZI, SCHMITT, M. JONES, M. MACKENZIE, KINSEY, PICKETT, CERRATO, MENTZER, GALLAGHER AND WHITE, JUNE 21, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 2	Recognizing September 12, 2024, as "National Police Woman Day" in Pennsylvania.
3	WHEREAS, "National Police Woman Day" is observed annually on
4	September 12 to honor the exceptional contributions of women in
5	law enforcement; and
6	WHEREAS, Female police officers consistently demonstrate
7	unwavering dedication, courage and strength, breaking barriers
8	and shattering stereotypes throughout history; and
9	WHEREAS, These remarkable women inspire girls and women
10	everywhere, encouraging them to believe in their potential to
11	make a significant impact and become leaders in their
12	communities; and
13	WHEREAS, We acknowledge the sacrifices made by women in
14	uniform who put their lives on the line daily to protect our
15	communities; and
16	WHEREAS, Women bring unique perspectives and skills that
17	significantly benefit police departments; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police was the nation's first
 state police agency to include female troopers in its regular
 command structure; and

WHEREAS, Fourteen women made history as the first female
state troopers after graduating from the Pennsylvania State
Police Academy in 1972 and since then, more than 300 women have
enlisted; and

8 WHEREAS, The story of women in law enforcement continues to 9 evolve as police departments recognize that female officers 10 bring particular gifts and abilities to the profession; and 11 WHEREAS, There is increasing recognition of the importance of 12 improving the representation and experiences of women in 13 policing, especially with regard to enhancing public safety 14 outcomes; and

15 WHEREAS, Women make up 12% of the law enforcement officers in 16 the country and 3% of police leadership; and

WHEREAS, Enhancing the diversity of police agencies to better reflect the communities they serve is crucial for fostering community trust; and

20 WHEREAS, We aspire to a future where law enforcement bodies 21 have even stronger female representation; and

22 WHEREAS, "National Police Woman Day" aims to encourage more 23 women to join the service; and

24 WHEREAS, On "National Police Woman Day," we salute the 25 dedicated women who serve and keep our communities safe every 26 day; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize 28 September 12, 2024, as "National Police Woman Day" in 29 Pennsylvania; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express gratitude

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- 1 to the brave women in law enforcement, recognizing their vital
- 2 role in safeguarding our communities and paving the way for
- 3 future generations.