

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 288 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY REGAN, FARRY, PHILLIPS-HILL, BROOKS, LANGERHOLC, HUGHES, ROTHMAN, ROBINSON, LAUGHLIN, MARTIN, TARTAGLIONE, SANTARSIERO, VOGEL, COMMITTA, BREWSTER, HUTCHINSON, MASTRIANO, COSTA, BAKER, BROWN AND J. WARD, MAY 6, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, MAY 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 12 through 18, 2024, as "National
2 Police Week" and designating May 6, 2024, as "Police
3 Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of law enforcement within this
5 Commonwealth, hundreds of police officers have made the ultimate
6 sacrifice while in the line of duty; and

7 WHEREAS, Oakdale Borough Police Patrolman Charles G.
8 Stipetich made the ultimate sacrifice on July 3, 2022, when he
9 was shot and killed by a road rage driver in Blawnox; and

10 WHEREAS, Brackenridge Borough Police Chief Justin McIntire
11 made the ultimate sacrifice on January 2, 2023, when he was shot
12 and killed during a foot pursuit of a wanted subject; and

13 WHEREAS, McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski made the
14 ultimate sacrifice on February 6, 2023, when he was shot and
15 killed while responding to a domestic situation in McKeesport;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Temple University Police Sergeant Christopher

1 Fitzgerald made the ultimate sacrifice on February 18, 2023,
2 when he was shot and killed while struggling with a suspect in
3 Philadelphia; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Jacques F.
5 Rougeau, Jr., made the ultimate sacrifice on June 17, 2023, when
6 he was shot and killed by a wanted man in Walker Township; and

7 WHEREAS, Philadelphia Police Sergeant Richard Carrero Mendez
8 made the ultimate sacrifice on October 12, 2023, when he was
9 shot and killed at the Philadelphia International Airport while
10 approaching a subject breaking into a vehicle; and

11 WHEREAS, Across the United States, the week of May 12 through
12 18, 2024, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

13 WHEREAS, The first "National Police Officers' Memorial Day"
14 was held on May 15, 1982, following a proclamation signed by
15 President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962; and

16 WHEREAS, The observance continues to be held annually in
17 memory of those police officers who have made the ultimate
18 sacrifice in the line of duty; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 12
20 through 18, 2024, as "National Police Week" and designate May 6,
21 2024, as "Police Officers' Memorial Day" in Pennsylvania; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the memory of the hundreds of
24 police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty
25 in this Commonwealth.