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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING MAY 15TH AS "NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY" AND
COMMEMORATING MAY 9TH -15TH, 2021, AS "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Hull, Shekarchi, Amore, Filippi, Chippendale,
Casimiro, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, and Baginski

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation declaring May
2 15th of each year to be National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th
3 falls to be National Police Week. In 1966, it was enacted in the Rhode Island General Laws, and
4 in 1994, President William Jefferson Clinton directed that the United States Flag be flown at half-
5 staff every May 15th; and

6 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island annually commemorates “National Police Week”
7 in memory of those police officers who have selflessly died or been disabled in the line of duty
8 protecting and serving the citizenry of our State; and

9 WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, a total of fifty-one police officers have given their lives in
10 the line of duty, and in 2020 alone, 264 federal, state, military, tribal, and local law enforcement
11 officers across the country died in the line-of-duty, many due to COVID-19 while engaged in a
12 line-of-duty action or activity. It was the highest number of police officer deaths since 1974; and

13 WHEREAS, Police officers in the State of Rhode Island and across America work
14 diligently on behalf of the people without regard to the peril or hazards they face each and every
15 day as they safeguard our lives, our rights and freedoms, and our property. It is important to
16 recognize and thank these noble and courageous individuals; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 recognizes May 15th as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” and celebrates the week of May 9th --
19 15th , 2021, as “National Police Week” in our State, and invites all Rhode Island communities

1 and citizenry to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House hereby offers sincere condolences to the families and
3 friends of the valiant and heroic police officers who have given their lives or have been disabled
4 in the performance of their duty in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island State Lodge Fraternal Order
7 of Police, and the Rhode Island International Brotherhood of Police Officers.

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