

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1032

By: Ford

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution recognizing May 9 through May 15, 2021,
10 as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2021,
11 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
12 Oklahoma.

13 WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 9 through May
14 15, 2021, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

15 WHEREAS, on October 1, 1962, the United States Congress approved
16 a joint resolution authorizing the President of the United States to
17 designate May 15 of each year as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
18 honor of law enforcement officers who have been killed, disabled or
19 otherwise injured in the line of duty and the calendar week during
20 which May 15 occurs as "National Police Week"; and

21 WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 4, 1963, President John F.
22 Kennedy designated May 15, 1963, and each succeeding May 15 as
23 "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12 through May 18,
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1 1963, and each succeeding calendar week during with May 15 occurs as
2 "National Police Week"; and

3 WHEREAS, federal, state, local and tribal police officers,
4 sheriffs and other law enforcement officers in the State of Oklahoma
5 and across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and
6 integrity; and

7 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing
8 justice for all individuals and performing the duties of a law
9 enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional rights of
10 the public that the law enforcement officers serve; and

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses strong
12 support for law enforcement officers in Oklahoma and across the
13 United States in the efforts that those officers undertake to build
14 safer and more secure communities; and

15 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
16 law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of
17 sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;
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19 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the
20 public trust with their lives, if need be, even though, through the
21 performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers
22 may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and
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1 WHEREAS, within the last year, one hundred and nineteen law
2 enforcement officers from across the United States have made the
3 ultimate sacrifice; and

4 WHEREAS, seven Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the
5 line of duty within the last year including four from COVID-19.
6 These included Corporal Kyle Davis, Washington County Sheriff's
7 Office; Police Officer Matt North, Bernice Police Department; Chief
8 Deputy Sheriff Lindal Dewayne Hall, McIntosh County Sheriff's
9 Office; Captain Billy Allen, Fort Sill Police Department; Police
10 Officer Jerad Lindsey, Tulsa Police Department; Oklahoma Highway
11 Patrol Captain Jeffrey Sewell; and Sergeant Craig Johnson, Tulsa
12 Police Department; and

13 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the memory
14 of the hundreds of law enforcement officers who have given their
15 lives in the line of duty in this state and throughout the United
16 States.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT May 9 through May 15, 2021, is hereby recognized by the
20 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
21 recognizes May 15, 2021, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
22 Oklahoma.

23 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses condolences
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1 to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the
2 ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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