

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1067

By: Ford

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing May 11 through May 17, 2022,
as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2022,
as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 11 through
May 17, 2022, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

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

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

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

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

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

13 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
14 law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of
15 sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;
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17 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the
18 public trust with their lives, if need be, even though, through the
19 performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers
20 may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

21 WHEREAS, within the last year, five hundred thirteen law
22 enforcement officers from across the United States have made the
23 ultimate sacrifice; and

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1 WHEREAS, eight Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the
2 line of duty within the last year, all to COVID-19, including Police
3 Officer Lewis Franklin Cantey, Grand River Dam Authority Police
4 Department; Sergeant John Arthur Harris II, Tulsa County Sheriff's
5 Office; Sergeant John Lee Trout Sr., Bernice Police Department;
6 Patrol Officer Edgar "Buddy" Pales Jr., Owasso Police Department;
7 Patrol Officer Howard Kritzer Smith III, Owasso Police Department;
8 Police Officer Bart Lane Arnold, Enid Police Department; Chief of
9 Police Richard Leslie Stephens, Union City Police Department; and
10 Lieutenant Scott Brandon Owens, Union City Police Department; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 THAT May 11 through May 17, 2022, is hereby recognized by the
18 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
19 recognizes May 15, 2022, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
20 Oklahoma.

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

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