

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1029

By: Harris

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing May 11 through May 17, 2025,
as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2025,
as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 11 through
May 17, 2025, 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, numerous law enforcement officers
22 from across the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

23 WHEREAS, two Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the line
24 of duty within the last year, Corporal Robert William Sumner of the

1 Oklahoma Department of Corrections and Brian Keith Herbert of the
2 Osage Nation Police Department; and

3 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the memory
4 of the hundreds of law enforcement officers who have given their
5 lives in the line of duty in this state and throughout the United
6 States.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

9 THAT May 11 through May 17, 2025, is hereby recognized by the
10 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
11 recognizes May 15, 2025, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
12 Oklahoma.

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

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