

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1038

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing May 10 through May 16, 2020,
8 as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2020,
9 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
10 Oklahoma.

11 WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 10 through
12 May 16, 2020, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

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

19 WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 4, 1963, President John F.
20 Kennedy designated May 15, 1963, and each succeeding May 15 as
21 "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12 through May 18,
22 1963, and each succeeding calendar week during with May 15 occurs as
23 "National Police Week"; and
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1 WHEREAS, federal, state, local and tribal police officers,
2 sheriffs and other law enforcement officers in the State of Oklahoma
3 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, since the beginning of 2020, forty-three law
22 enforcement officers from across the United States, including two
23 from Oklahoma, have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

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

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 57TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

7 THAT May 10 through May 16, 2020, is hereby recognized by the
8 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
9 recognizes May 15, 2020, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
10 Oklahoma.

11 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commends the long-
12 standing efforts of law enforcement in the State of Oklahoma, their
13 service to our communities and their steadfast dedication to the
14 protection of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma.

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

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