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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in officially memorializing Police Week 2024 as a civil body. May 15 is the annual Peace Officer Memorial Day; May 12 - 18, 2024 are the dates to recognize as Police Week in Michigan.

Whether it is the local school board, city council, county commission or township leadership, any official recognition is an honorable way to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service in Law Enforcement and by doing so, **we salute those who continue to serve.**

Please find attached a sample resolution for your consideration and use. Please personalize it for your community as you see fit.

You can learn more facts on our Law Enforcement at www.policeweekmichigan.com/facts-on-police

On top of initiating a resolution, we have another request: A resolution is a noble deed but it only lasts for a moment. Would you consider encouraging your colleagues and community to also do something beyond a resolution *to demonstrate public support to your local Police community in 2024?*

In addition to passing a resolution, encouraging your local media to discuss it, and highlighting it to the local community, would you also reach out to your local Law Enforcement departments and see how you might demonstrate additional support? For example,

- Rally support by asking community members to send notes of gratitude to Law Enforcement
- Provide scholarship money for additional training departments may desire
- Encourage donations towards a K9 officer a department may be in need of

At Police Week Michigan, we are eager to stand on the shoulders of President John F. Kennedy who initiated this important hallowed week. We hope to continue the legacy throughout the year. May Michigan be known as the most supportive state **year-round** for those who serve in Law Enforcement.

Thank you for your willingness to take a public stand for Law Enforcement.

Amy Hawkins
Chair

Scott Greenlee
Chief Financial Officer

SAMPLE POLICE WEEK RESOLUTION 2024

Purpose: for the use of local townships, cities, communities et al if they want to use as a sample.

A resolution to declare May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the **(municipality)**, Michigan.

Whereas, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

Whereas, There are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of **(municipality)**, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

Whereas, In 2023 alone, 125 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

Whereas, Michigan's **(and specifically this community if appropriate)** fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

Whereas, **(municipality)**, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the members of this **(Council, Commission, etc.)** declare May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week in the **(municipality)** of Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.