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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers of Illinois put their
3 lives on the line to protect and serve the residents of our
4 great State; and

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WHEREAS, The police officers of Illinois keep our
6 communities safe, help prevent crime, and provide assistance
7 to those in need, among an infinite number of other tasks to
8 encourage civic engagement and an investment in the well-being
9 of all Illinoisans; they work with our schools, community
10 organizations, and other local partners to offer assistance
11 and educational opportunities to residents; and

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WHEREAS, The first police department in the United States
13 was established in New York City in 1844 and officially
14 organized in 1845; other cities followed suit, including
15 Chicago in 1855; and

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WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the
17 enduring courage and unwavering devotion of law enforcement
18 officers to the communities that they have sworn to serve; and

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WHEREAS, There are currently more than 900,000 sworn law
20 enforcement officers and more than 17,000 state and local law
21 enforcement agencies serving nationwide; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 12 percent of current law
2 enforcement officers are female; and

3 WHEREAS, In uncertain times, these men and women are the
4 first response in the face of crisis or tragedy, and they
5 continue to put on their uniforms to bravely face challenges
6 to ensure the general welfare of our society; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2021, 582 officers made the ultimate sacrifice
8 while serving our great nation, including ten in Illinois; our
9 fallen officers should be remembered and honored for their
10 courage and sacrifice; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May
12 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar
13 week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 15 to
17 May 21, 2022 as Police Appreciation Week in the State of
18 Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we recognize the dedication and sacrifice
20 of local, state, and federal police officers and their service

1 to our great State; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the contributions of law
3 enforcement from across the State, recognizing their hard
4 work, dedication, loyalty, and commitment to keeping our
5 communities safe; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That we recognize the families of law
7 enforcement officers for their endless sacrifices; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That we encourage all residents of Illinois to
10 recognize the essential mission that law enforcement officers
11 undertake every day and thank them for their dedication and
12 service.