

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

SENATE
RESOLUTION 15

By: Weaver

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing May as Law Enforcement
Appreciation Month in Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, everyday thousands of Oklahoma law enforcement officers
put on their badges and say goodbye to their families knowing they
may not come home, but bravely choose to put others' safety above
their own; and

WHEREAS, facing dangerous and traumatic situations is a regular
occurrence for these dedicated, selfless public servants as they
work to enforce the law and keep the public safe; and

WHEREAS, it is important to show Oklahoma's approximately 13,000
active peace officers that our citizens recognize the difficult,
dangerous and often thankless career they have chosen in public
service; and

WHEREAS, this past year, officers worked tirelessly while facing
the complications and added stress of working through the historic
COVID-19 pandemic; and

1 WHEREAS, six Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the line
2 of duty in 2020 including three from COVID-19. These included
3 Captain Billy Dewayne Allen, Sr., Fort Sill Police Department; Tulsa
4 Police Officer Jerad Lindsey; Oklahoma Highway Patrol Captain Jeff
5 Sewell; Sergeant Craig Vincent Johnson, Tulsa Police Department;
6 Lieutenant Shirley Lanning, Canadian County Sheriff's Office; and
7 Bryan County Deputy Sheriff Jarid Taylor; and

8 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers play an integral role in
9 society, protecting our homes, businesses, families and communities,
10 and deserve our unwavering support.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
12 OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate, on behalf of all citizens of
14 this state, recognizes May as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month in
15 Oklahoma.

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