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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21, 2022 TO BE "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Introduced By: Senator Cynthia Armour Coyne

Date Introduced: May 17, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In 1962, President John Kennedy signed a proclamation declaring May 15th
2 of each year to be National Police Officers Memorial Day and the week in which May 15th falls
3 to be National Police Week. In 1994, President Clinton directed that the United States flag be
4 flown at half-staff every May 15th; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, during the week of May 15 through May 21, we remember and
6 honor all the brave men and women serving as police and law enforcement officers who through
7 the years have made the ultimate sacrifice in order to protect the public in service to our nation;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The FBI database states that 59 police officers were killed in the line of duty
10 from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, a fifty-one percent increase from the prior year; and

11 WHEREAS, Nationally, 60,105 law enforcement officers were assaulted while
12 performing their duties, an increase of 4,071 from 2019. FBI Director Christopher Wray has
13 stated that on average, a law enforcement officer is murdered more often than every five days in
14 the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, According to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP), a nonprofit
16 organization that keeps track of all statistics related to law enforcement officers killed in the line
17 of duty, since 1791, there have been 25,747 known line-of-duty deaths, including 53 from the
18 State of Rhode Island; and

1 WHEREAS, Each year during National Police Week, approximately 25,000 to 40,000
2 attendees congregate in Washington D.C., at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3 where they attend vigils and services to honor the memory of all the police and law enforcement
4 officers who have perished in service to our nation; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May 15
6 through May 21 of 2022 to be “National Police Week” in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of the resolution to the International Brotherhood of Police Officers,
10 and to Mr. Patrick Yoes, National President, Fraternal Order of Police.

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