

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)

3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1030

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 A Resolution recognizing May 9 through May 15, 2021,
9 as National Police Week and recognizing May 15, 2021,
10 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in the State of
11 Oklahoma.

12 WHEREAS, across the United States, the week of May 9 through May
13 15, 2021, is being recognized as "National Police Week"; and

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

20 WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 4, 1963, President John F.
21 Kennedy designated May 15, 1963, and each succeeding May 15 as
22 "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and the week of May 12 through May 18,
23 1963, and each succeeding calendar week during with May 15 occurs as
24 "National Police Week"; and

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, within the last year, one hundred and nineteen law
22 enforcement officers from across the United States have made the
23 ultimate sacrifice; and

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1 WHEREAS, six Oklahoma law enforcement officers died in the line
2 of duty within the last year including four from COVID-19. These
3 included Corporal Kyle Davis, Washington County Sheriff's Office;
4 Police Officer Matt North, Bernice Police Department; Chief Deputy
5 Sheriff Lindal Dewayne Hall, McIntosh County Sheriff's Office;
6 Captain Billy Allen, Fort Sill Police Department; Police Officer
7 Jerad Lindsey, Tulsa Police Department; Oklahoma Highway Patrol
8 Captain Jeffrey Sewell; Sergeant Craig Johnson, Tulsa Police
9 Department; and Corporal John Okafor, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives honors the memory
12 of the hundreds of law enforcement officers who have given their
13 lives in the line of duty in this state and throughout the United
14 States.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

17 THAT May 9 through May 15, 2021, is hereby recognized by the
18 Oklahoma House of Representatives as "National Police Week" and
19 recognizes May 15, 2021, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in
20 Oklahoma.

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

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