



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Special recognition of May 15, 2023 through May 21, 2023 as National Police Week.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities throughout the United States, including the dedicated officers of the Lake County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were 43,649 assaults against law enforcement officers resulting in 15,369 injuries to law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the FBI reported that, in 2022, 245 law enforcement officers and 25 K9 officers were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 23,700 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, 556 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, reflecting the officers killed in 2022 plus officers who died in previous years, but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy are being honored here today; and

WHEREAS, May 12, 2023 is designated as the Annual Lake County Police Memorial, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that May 15, 2023 through May 21, 2023 is designated as National Police Week in Lake County, Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED, that this County Board publicly salutes the service of these officers within Lake County, and in communities throughout the nation.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on May 9, 2023.