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Legislation Text

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To recognize and designate May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Columbus, Ohio.

WHEREAS, in honor of our fallen men and women in uniform, Columbus comes together to designate May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, U.S. President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others; and

WHEREAS, every day over 1,800 officers of the Columbus Division of Police face the challenge of keeping every Columbus neighborhood safe and protected with bravery and honor; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Columbus Division of Police perform their duty under the direction of core values: Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Discipline, Enthusiasm, Sense of Urgency, and Attention to Detail; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the names of 556 officers killed in the line of duty from previous years were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. There are currently 23,785 names engraved on the Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Columbus City Council recognizes the value, accomplishments, sacrifices, and selfless contributions of Law Enforcement Officers by designating May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize and designate May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15-19 as National Police Week. This Council expresses gratitude to all members of the Columbus Division of Police for their outstanding contributions to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Columbus, Ohio.