

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 154

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman RONALD S. DANCER

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Designates calendar week containing May 15th of each year as “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week” in NJ.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the calendar week containing
2 May 15th of each year as “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial
3 Week” in New Jersey.

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5 **WHEREAS**, As a nation, we rely on law enforcement officers to keep
6 our neighborhoods safe, enforce our laws, and respond in times of
7 crisis; and

8 **WHEREAS**, From combating terror and arresting criminals to patrolling
9 our highways and city streets, law enforcement officers maintain
10 stability in our communities, resulting in a secure nation that is free
11 from the fear of violence and civil disorder; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement officers in this State and throughout the
13 nation are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow
14 citizens by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to
15 save the lives of others; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law, and
17 protecting the innocent are just a few of the day-to-day duties that
18 are faithfully and selflessly undertaken by law enforcement
19 officers; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Every day, law enforcement officers face threats of
21 violence and danger and routinely put themselves at risk of injury,
22 disability, or even death to preserve and protect the lives and
23 property of the people of this State; and

24 **WHEREAS**, These men and women, by their distinctive service and
25 dedicated efforts as law enforcement officers, have earned our
26 highest respect and deepest gratitude; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Since the enactment of Public Law 87-726 in 1962, the
28 successive Presidents of this nation have each year proclaimed the
29 calendar week containing May 15th as “Law Enforcement Officers
30 Memorial Week,” publicly recognizing the dedicated service given
31 by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our
32 midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws and
33 respectfully honoring all those officers who have been killed or
34 disabled in the line of duty; and

35 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper, and within the public
36 interest, to designate the calendar week containing May 15th of
37 each year as “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week” in New
38 Jersey and to encourage the citizens of this State to join in the
39 observance of this week of public recognition and appreciation for
40 the law enforcement officers who serve and protect the people of
41 this State; now, therefore,

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43 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
44 *State of New Jersey:*

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46 1. The calendar week containing May 15th of each year shall
47 be designated “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week” in New
48 Jersey to encourage the citizens of this State to join in the

1 observance of this week of public recognition and appreciation for
2 the law enforcement officers who selflessly serve and protect them.

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4 2. The Governor is respectfully requested to annually issue a
5 proclamation recognizing the calendar week containing May 15th of
6 each year as “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week” in New
7 Jersey and to call upon public officials and the citizens of this State
8 to observe the week with appropriate activities and programs.

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10 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 This resolution designates the calendar week containing May
16 15th of each year as “Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week”
17 in New Jersey to encourage the citizens of this State to join in the
18 observance of this week of public recognition and appreciation for
19 the law enforcement officers who serve and protect them.

20 As a nation, we rely on law enforcement officers to keep our
21 neighborhoods safe, enforce our laws, and respond in times of
22 crisis. From combating terror and arresting criminals to patrolling
23 our highways and city streets, law enforcement officers maintain
24 stability in our communities, resulting in a secure nation that is free
25 from the fear of violence and civil disorder. Law enforcement
26 officers in this State and throughout the nation are routinely called
27 upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens by responding to
28 horrendous events and acting heroically to save the lives of others.
29 Upholding justice, enforcing the rule of law, and protecting the
30 innocent are just a few of the day-to-day duties that are faithfully
31 and selflessly undertaken by law enforcement officers.

32 Every day, law enforcement officers face threats of violence and
33 danger and routinely put themselves at risk of injury, disability, or
34 even death to preserve and protect the lives and property of the
35 people of this State. These men and women, by their distinctive
36 service and dedicated efforts, have earned our highest respect and
37 deepest gratitude. Accordingly, it is altogether fitting and proper,
38 and within the public interest, to designate the calendar week
39 containing May 15th of each year as “Law Enforcement Officers
40 Memorial Week” in New Jersey.