

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 103

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 12, 2021

Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Designates month of May of each year as “Law Enforcement and Correctional Police Officer Appreciation Month” in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the month of May of each year
2 as “Law Enforcement and Correctional Police Officer
3 Appreciation Month” in New Jersey.
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5 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement and correctional police officers in this
6 State and throughout the nation are routinely called upon to serve
7 and protect their fellow citizens; and
8 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement officers protect the community by
9 responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to save the
10 lives of others; and
11 **WHEREAS**, Correctional police officers provide public safety and
12 security through the custody and management of those individuals
13 incarcerated within the criminal justice system; and
14 **WHEREAS**, It is increasingly dangerous to perform these jobs in a
15 world where law enforcement and correctional police officers are
16 targeted for the uniforms they wear and the duties they perform in
17 service to their community; and
18 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement and correctional police officers in this
19 State and throughout the nation serve with valor, dignity, and
20 integrity; and
21 **WHEREAS**, As of October 2020, 235 law enforcement officers died in
22 the line of duty in the United States in less than one year, including
23 nine officers in New Jersey; and
24 **WHEREAS**, As COVID-19 continues to spread around the country, the
25 first responders on the front lines are increasingly vulnerable to
26 contracting the virus and at least eight correctional police officers
27 have died resulting from this pandemic; and
28 **WHEREAS**, These officer’s deaths are a sober reminder that our
29 nation’s law enforcement and correctional police officers face
30 danger every day they carry out their sworn duty to protect the
31 citizens of this country; and
32 **WHEREAS**, Countless other law enforcement and correctional police
33 officers are injured and disabled each year while performing their
34 duties; and
35 **WHEREAS**, These burdens are carried not only by law enforcement and
36 correctional police officers, but also by their families who make
37 personal sacrifices in order for these officers to carry out their
38 duties; and
39 **WHEREAS**, In light of recent negativity directed toward law
40 enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement
41 and correctional police officers that our citizens recognize the
42 difficult career these officers have chosen; and
43 **WHEREAS**, These men and women, by their distinctive service and
44 dedicated efforts as law enforcement and correctional police
45 officers, have earned our highest respect and deepest gratitude;
46 now, therefore,

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
2 *State of New Jersey:*

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4 1. The month of May of each year is designated “Law
5 Enforcement and Correctional Police Officer Appreciation Month”
6 in New Jersey to encourage the citizens of this State to join in the
7 observance of this month and provide appreciation for the law
8 enforcement and correctional police officers who serve and protect
9 them.

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11 2. The Governor respectfully is requested to issue a
12 proclamation recognizing May as “Law Enforcement and
13 Correctional Police Officer Appreciation Month” and calling upon
14 public officials and the residents of New Jersey to observe the
15 month with appropriate activities and programs.

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17 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This joint resolution designates the month of May of each year as
23 “Law Enforcement and Correctional Police Officer Appreciation
24 Month” and calls upon public officials and the residents of New
25 Jersey to observe the month with appropriate activities and
26 programs.

27 In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement
28 nationally, this joint resolution appropriately honors law
29 enforcement and correctional police officers.

30 It is the Sponsor’s intent to ensure that the citizens of New Jersey
31 recognize the difficult career these officers have chosen and that
32 these officers deserve our highest respect and deepest gratitude.