

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION DECLARING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK 2019

APRIL 17, 2019

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Freeman moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 17,500 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including three members of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office; 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, names of fallen heroes are added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial each spring; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 31st Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 12-18, 2019; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half staff;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners formally designates May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in Eaton County, to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. Carried.