

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

May 16, 2018

Introduced by the Public Safety Committee

Commissioner Austin moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

WHEREAS, there are more than 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, there have been 58,627 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2016, resulting in approximately 16,677 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 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;

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, 360 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 129 officers killed in 2017 and 231 officers killed in previous years; 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 30th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 13-19; 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 the Board of Commissioners formally designates May 13-19, 2018, as Police Week in Eaton County, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation. Carried.