



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

#### **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, established by President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962, each year, the president of the United States proclaims May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15 occurs as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, on Peace Officers Memorial Day and throughout National Police Week, the United States of America will honor and pay tribute to all the federal, state, and local officers who have lost their lives or have been seriously injured in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 20,000 United States law enforcement officers have died as a result of performing their job; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, on Friday, May 15, 2015, U.S. and state flags across the nation are flown at half-staff and throughout National Police Week, and annual memorial services are performed to commemorate those officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, through their selfless dedication and commitment to carry out their sworn duties, peace officers protect our communities and freedoms and shield us from harm, regardless of the peril and danger that their jobs presents; and

**WHEREAS**, on Peace Officers Memorial Day, all the residents of Cook County will keep in their hearts, thoughts, and prayers, the families and loved ones of all our fallen peace officers that died serving Cook County and our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, in observance of the service that fallen peace officers have given to our society, we recognize that they personify what it means to be a public servant; and while we can never repay our deep indebtedness to them, we honor and uphold what they died for by doing what we can to make our communities safe and being vigilant against crime and acts of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's fallen peace officers deserve and have earned our respect, gratitude and appreciation and we recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to express our gratefulness for their bravery and courage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, do hereby recognize and acknowledge National Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, as we pay tribute to all peace officers that have died or been seriously injured in the line of duty; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESERVED**, that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body, and an official copy of this resolution be presented to the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County.