

Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050289)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 15th-21st as National Police Week.

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Philadelphia Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Philadelphians; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their Police Department, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Philadelphia Police Department unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, The police officers of Philadelphia have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this City, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

WHEREAS, These officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Philadelphians; and

WHEREAS, These men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the City; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, We call upon all citizens of Philadelphia to observe the week of May 15th – 21st, 2005, as Police Week; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, We call upon all citizens of Philadelphia to observe May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Sylvester Johnson as Police Commissioner and Robert Eddis as President of The Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth of April, 2005.

> Anna C. Verna PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

- Introduced by: Councilmembers Miller, Rizzo and Blackwell
- Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Rizzo, Blackwell, DiCicco, Goode, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Tasco, Mariano, Reynolds Brown, Ramos, Clarke and Kelly