SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-019

CONCERNING DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 10-16, 2020, AS POLICE WEEK, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DECLARING MAY 15, 2020, AS PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY.

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

WHEREAS, The members of the law enforcement agencies within the state of Colorado play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens of Colorado know and understand the duties, responsibilities, and challenges of their peace officers; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment. Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute. Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.
WHEREAS, It is important that peace officers throughout Colorado recognize their duty to serve the people of this state by safeguarding life and property; protecting citizens against violence, disorder, and deception; and protecting the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, The law enforcement agencies within the state of Colorado have grown to be modern and professional agencies that unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, The following 344 peace officers made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the state of Colorado:

In 1869: Robert A. Clark, Marshal of Black Hawk;
In 1872: Juan C. Tafoya of the Las Animas County S.O.;
In 1873: Ora M. Nason of the Bent County S.O.;
In 1875: Zach Allen of the Rio Grande County S.O. and James Hooker of the Albert County S.O.;
In 1876: Charles Kast of the Las Animas P.D. and Charles Faber of the Bent County S.O.;
In 1878: George E. O'Connor of the Leadville P.D.;
In 1879: Alvin Phippenney of the Pueblo P.D. and Thomas F. Tolbert of the Leadville P.D.;
In 1880: Thomas L. Perkins of the Buena Vista P.D., John Carville and Lauriston Stewart of the Leadville P.D., and Michael O'Neal of the Kokomo P.D.;
In 1881: D. Clayton Ogsbury of the Silverton P.D.;
In 1882: Samuel C. Townsend of the Leadville P.D., Edward N. Campbell of the Hinsdale County S.O., and George L. Smith, Marshal of Rico;
In 1883: James Bathurst and Baxter Stingley of the Salida P.D.;
In 1884: Andrew J. Rock of the Garfield County S.O. and Casper Zweifel, Marshal of Central Pueblo;

In 1887: Gabriel B. Hollingsworth of the Arapahoe County S.O. and Martin Duggan of the Leadville P.D.;

In 1888: Bill Thompson of the Las Animas County S.O.;

In 1889: John C. Phillips of the Denver P.D.;

In 1890: Charles F. Wanless of the Denver P.D.;


In 1893: Gustave Gisin of the Denver P.D.;

In 1894: A.E. Cook, Marshal of Como, and John Myers of the Gunnison County S.O.;


In 1897: Michael Hayes of the Town of Victor, Thomas J. Fahey of the Lake County S.O., and Joseph Simons of the Alamosa P.D.;

In 1898: Ernest Conrad and Sumner Whitney of the Summit County S.O.;

In 1899: Edward Farr of the Huerfano County S.O., Thomas C. Clifford and William E. Griffiths of the Denver P.D., and Thomas Tobin of the Colorado Department of Corrections;

In 1900: Stuart K. Harvey of the Denver P.D. and William C. Rooney of the Colorado Department of Corrections;

In 1901: Elim T. Clark of the Cripple Creek P.D. and William C. Downing of the Union Pacific Railroad P.D.;
In 1902: Augustine P. Cate of the Town of Goldfield;

In 1903: Silas Martz and Elwin Slater of the Pueblo P.D.;

In 1904: Wilson E. Hammon of the Gunnison County S.O. and Hiram Bates of the Coal Creek P.D.;

In 1905: Dr. Frank Dulin and William Bohanna of the Denver P.D. and Francisco Garcia of the Las Animas County S.O.;


In 1907: Joseph Allen of the Fort Collins P.D. and Joseph A. Walker of the U.S. Secret Service;


In 1909: Alex Brighton of the Trinidad P.D. and Frederick Barner and John Dunleavy of the Pueblo P.D.;

In 1910: Samuel C. Carpenter of the Denver P.D., Arthur J. Goeglein of the Telluride Marshal's Office, and John M. Rennix, Marshal of New Castle;

In 1911: Jesse B. Craig, Sr., and Jacob A. Kipper of the Rocky Ford P.D. and Charles E. Brockman of the Fort Collins P.D.;

In 1912: William McPherson of the Denver P.D.;

In 1913: John B. Russell of the Colorado Department of Corrections and Norman F. Patterson, Constable of Pueblo;


In 1916: William H. Cabler of the Denver P.D. and Charles P. Eyser,
Marshal of Fort Morgan;

In 1917: Andrew J. Hunter of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad P.D.;

In 1918: John Rowan of the Colorado Springs P.D., Luther McMahill of the Denver P.D., and William Wesley Green of the Pueblo County S.O.;

In 1919: Emerson L. McKinnon and George C. Klein of the Denver P.D. and Jeff Evans of the Pueblo P.D.;


In 1923: Leonard Higgins of the Adams County S.O., Elmer E. Cobb of the Boulder P.D., and Marion E. Sanders of the El Paso County S.O.;

In 1924: Jack Rose of the Walsenburg P.D., Henry E. Robart of State Prohibition, and Willis A. Davis of the Delta County S.O.;

In 1925: James Shannon of the Denver P.D. and Clyde L. Taylor of the U.S. Treasury;


In 1929: Charles Edward Gibbs of the Routt County S.O.; Clarence W. Alston and Thomas J. Durkin of the Denver P.D.; and Myron H. Goodwin, J.W. McClelland, Elmer G. Erwin, John J. Eeles, Raymond
Brown, C. Walter Rinker, Charles G. Shepherd, and Robert A. Wiggins of the Colorado Department of Corrections;

In 1930: Carl A. Hickman of the Kiowa County S.O., William B. Justice of the Washington County S.O., and Dale F. Kearney of the U.S. Department of Justice;

In 1931: William Keating of the Denver P.D.;

In 1933: John F. Dea and George P. Schneider of the Denver P.D.;


In 1937: Forrest E. Sawyer of the Denver P.D. and Oscar W. Meyer of the Eagle County S.O.;

In 1938: Jacob G. Benner and Fred Renovato of the Denver P.D. and Fidel Aguirre of the Huerfano County S.O.;

In 1939: Franklynn Dean of the Mancos P.D. and Earl F. Burns of the Denver P.D.;

In 1940: Morris Dolan of the Cripple Creek P.D., Clarence B. Fugate of the Jefferson County S.O., Earl J. Bucher of the Weld County S.O., and Raymundo Martinez and Eduardo Dominguez of the Conejos County S.O.;

In 1941: George Kaltenberger of the Colorado Springs P.D. and Arnold B. Gulzow of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1944: Andrew P. Sanderson of the U.S. Treasury;

In 1945: Louis Box of the Rocky Ford P.D., Benjamin L. Goorman of the Arapahoe County S.O., and Virgil M. Hall of the Denver P.D.;
In 1946: Wallace M. McCarty of the Colorado State Patrol and Raymond B. Lewis of the Castle Rock P.D.;

In 1947: E. Clarence Martin of the Las Animas P.D.;

In 1949: Alvin Nelson of the Leadville P.D. and Harold M. Bechtelheimer of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1951: Wesley Rosette of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1952: John Armour Stitt, Marshal of Paonia, and Westley A. McDonald and James L. Jackson of the Washington County S.O.;


In 1956: Floyd E. Gresham and Melvin E. Phillips of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1957: Richard J. Cahalan of the Colorado State Patrol;


In 1959: Richard C. Edstrom of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1960: Kenneth R. Baker of the Town of Glendale and Frank J. Jackson of the Adams County S.O.;


In 1965: Paul L. Major of the Denver P.D.;

In 1966: Albert M. Alcorn and Nicholas A. Carhart of the Colorado State Patrol and Nathaniel R. Lacy of the National Park Service;
In 1967: Gerald R. Williams of the Colorado State Patrol, Vincent Swiskoski of the Walsenburg P.D., and Francis S. Townsend of the Fremont County S.O.;


In 1972: James A. Chew of the Steamboat Springs P.D. and Donald R. Kartchner of the La Plata County S.O.;


In 1977: Dean L. McLaughlin and Larry E. Boles of the Union Pacific Railroad Police, Oliver P. Cain of the Center P.D., and Janet Hinkle of the Boulder P.D.;

In 1978: Wayne G. Bryant of the Douglas County S.O. and Virgil Mason of the San Juan County S.O.;


In 1983: Larry F. McMaster of the Montrose P.D.;

In 1984: Edgar B. Rains, Jr., of the Northglenn P.D. and Clifton Browning, Jr., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

In 1985: Thomas J. Dietzman, Jr., of the Aurora P.D.;


In 1989: Joseph A. Ynostroza of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 1990: Delford H. Kay of the Ute Mountain Tribal Police and Cecilia M. Cipriani-Benefiel of the El Paso County S.O.;


In 1993: Norman Anthony Silva II of the Denver S.O. and Roland O. Lackey of the Arapahoe County S.O.;

In 1994: Beth Haynes of the Boulder P.D., Roger Coursey of the Hinsdale County S.O., and Marc A. Perse of the Colorado Department of Corrections;


In 1998: Dale Claxton of the Cortez P.D. and Dale R. McLaughlin of the Adams County S.O.;

In 1999: Ronald M. King of the Douglas County S.O., Robert B. Pollock of the Adams County S.O., and Gary Caponera of the Bent County S.O.;


In 2001: Jason L. Manspeaker of the Colorado State Patrol, Ryan Cunningham of the Vail P.D., Daniel C. Dalley of the Fruita P.D., Phillip Keith Mason of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Jason Scott Schwartz of the Fremont County S.O.;

In 2002: James Olterman of the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Eric J. Autobee of the Colorado Department of Corrections;

In 2004: Travis W. Sass of the Larimer County S.O.;

In 2005: Donald Young II of the Denver P.D., Jeffrey A. Christensen of the National Park Service, and Greg R. Boss of the U.S. Postal Service;


In 2007: Douglas D. Byrne of the Aurora P.D. and Zachariah E. Templeton of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 2008: Nicholas Heine of the Pueblo P.D.;

In 2009: David J. Kinterknecht of the Montrose P.D.;

In 2010: Samuel K. Brownlee of the Weld County S.O.;
In 2011: Jay Sheridan of the Limon P.D. and David Roberts of the Denver P.D.;


In 2013: Thomas L. Clements of the Colorado Department of Corrections;

In 2014: David Michael Baldwin of the Jefferson County S.O.;

In 2015: Garrett Swasey of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs P.D., Jaimie Jursevics and Taylor Thyfault of the Colorado State Patrol, and Sean Renfro of the Jefferson County S.O.;

In 2016: Travis Russell of the Las Animas County S.O., Nate Carrigan of the Park County S.O., Derek Geer of the Mesa County S.O., and Cody Donahue of the Colorado State Patrol;

In 2017: Zackari Parrish III of the Douglas County S.O.;

In 2018: Heath Gumm of the Adams County S.O., Micah Flick of the El Paso County S.O., and Matthew Moreno of the Las Animas County S.O.;

In 2019: William Moden of the Colorado State Patrol, Daniel H. Groves of the Colorado State Patrol, and Joshua Eli Voth of the Colorado Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and appropriate for the citizens of Colorado to join together in commemorating peace officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:
(1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, hereby proclaim the week commencing May 10, 2020, as Police Week in Colorado in recognition of peace officers' efforts in safeguarding the citizens of Colorado and call upon all citizens of the state and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe Police Week; and

(2) That we hereby proclaim the day of May 15, 2020, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in recognition of those officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the supreme sacrifice or who have been disabled in the line of duty, and call upon the citizens of Colorado to recognize and participate in the observance of this worthy occasion.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado; Sharon Gibson, President of the Colorado Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.; Dianne Bernhard, Executive Director of Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.; Major Barry Bratt, Chairman of the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial; Stephen Schulz, State President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Colorado State Lodge; Michael Violette, Executive Director of the Fraternal Order of Police, Colorado State Lodge; Ben Leach, President of the Colorado Police Protective Association; Stan Hilkey, Executive Record Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety; Colonel Matthew C. Packard, Chief of the Colorado State Patrol; Chief John Camper, Director of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and Board President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police; Garrett Wiggins, President of the County Sheriffs of Colorado; and Amy Nichols, Executive Director of County Sheriffs of Colorado.