

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 263

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER

A RESOLUTION

To designate May 11 through 16, 2026, as National Police Week 2026 in Louisiana and 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.

WHEREAS, more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serve in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of law enforcement agencies throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, more than 27,358 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty since 1786, including 589 peace officers who served the state of Louisiana; 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, in 2026 the names of the following Louisiana officers were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.: Sergeant Caleb M. Esworth, Deputy Sheriff Charles W. Riley, Officer Joseph J. Lyons, Sergeant Grant J. Candies, Officer Marc T. Brock, and Lieutenant Allen J. Credeur, Jr.; 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 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11 through 16; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. and Louisiana flags will be flown at half-staff by order of Governor Jeff Landry; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Louisiana join in prayer in remembrance of the peace officers who have given their lives in service to the communities of the state and offer ongoing prayer and support for those who stand watch in their place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate May 11 through 16, 2026, as National Police Week 2026 in Louisiana and does hereby salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES