

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144**

Introduced by Hansen, B., 16; Brewer, 43.

WHEREAS, since 1962, May 15th has been recognized as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, outstanding individuals serve the State of Nebraska in law enforcement and preserve the rights and security for each Nebraskan; and

WHEREAS, members of Nebraska law enforcement benefit the people by protecting life and property, opposing violence and disorder, and defending the innocent; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all citizens realize the importance of law enforcement in our state and rest assured that there are individuals who take action to ensure our safety; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms enjoyed in the United States are unique and upheld by a commitment of the individuals who secure them; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 15th, the fallen officers of Nebraska who felt the weight of the responsibility to maintain our liberty through the upholding of the law will be remembered, along with their families, who now live with the memory of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, we remember and honor the officers who have fallen or we have lost in Nebraska including: Fort Calhoun Police Department City Marshal Albert Suverkrubbe, whose end of watch was December 14, 1932; Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jailer Randy ZoeRay Haddix, whose end of watch was July 9, 2018; Nebraska State Trooper Jerry Louis Smith, Jr., whose end of watch was June 20, 2019; Lincoln Police Department Investigator L. Mario Herrera, whose end of watch was September 7, 2020; Washington County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Guy F. Pensyl, Sr., whose end of watch was August 10, 1996;

Nebraska State Patrol Lieutenant Craig A. Loveless, whose end of watch was March 27, 2020; Omaha Airport Authority's Sergeant Richard Hillman, whose end of watch was April 12, 2021; and Blair Police Department's retired K-9 Duke, who died February 9, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 15, 2021, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15, 2021, as National Police Week.

2. That the Legislature thanks and appreciates Nebraska law enforcement officers past and present for their dedication and service to this state.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the families of Marshal Albert Suverkrubbe, Deputy Jailer Randy ZoeRay Haddix, State Trooper Jerry Louis Smith, Jr., Investigator L. Mario Herrera, Sergeant Guy F. Pensyl, Sr., Lieutenant Craig A. Loveless, Sergeant Richard Hillman, and to K-9 Officer Travis Lyon.