

  
Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the professionalism and dedication of the employees of the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department, and the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division during National Police Week.

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation in 1962 designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department, and the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division are tasked with protecting more than 670,000 residents and 20.2 million visitors a year;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Metropolitan Police Department is to safeguard the District of Columbia and protect its residents and visitors by providing the highest quality of police service with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to innovation;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department is committed to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, and the preservation of peace and safety in and around public housing in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division is responsible for law enforcement activities and physical security of all properties owned, leased or otherwise under the control of the Government of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the sworn and civilian members of the Metropolitan Police Department routinely demonstrate their professionalism and dedication to the job by building community trust, responding to calls for service, and cultivating relationships with residents;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department works collaboratively with partners in the community and social service agencies to build positive relationships between youth and the

45 police on projects like Youth Creating Change, the Junior Cadet Program, and the Junior Police  
46 Academy;

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48 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department conducts extensive outreach efforts,  
49 reaching more than 30,000 youth and adults in 2015 through events such as National Night Out,  
50 Beat the Street, movie nights, Halloween Safe Haven, holiday parties, Senior Bingo and Play  
51 Streets;

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53 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department provides a secure presence during First  
54 Amendment assemblies and other significant events such as presidential inaugurations and  
55 international summits;

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57 WHEREAS, the heroic efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department greatly reduced the  
58 potential for additional casualties during the Navy Yard shooting;

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60 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department is deploying more than 2,800 body-worn  
61 cameras to seven police districts and three substations in 2016 with the goals of promoting  
62 transparency and increasing accountability;

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64 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department works in  
65 partnership with District of Columbia Housing Authority residents, the larger community and the  
66 Metropolitan Police Department to ensure community safety for residents of public housing; and

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68 WHEREAS, the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division creates  
69 presentations to educate District government employees on safety scenarios such as workplace  
70 violence.

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72 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
73 that the Council declares the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> as "National Police Week" in the District of  
74 Columbia and recognizes the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Housing  
75 Authority Department, and the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division for  
76 protecting and serving our residents, employees, and visitors.

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78 Sec. 2. This resolution may be cited as the "National Police Week Recognition Resolution  
79 of 2016".

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81 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
82 the District of Columbia Register.