

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 21-69

RESOLUTION OF PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION-197 DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL POLICE OFFICER APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, law enforcement and correctional police officers in this State and throughout the nation are routinely called upon to serve and protect their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers protect the community by responding to horrendous events and acting heroically to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, correctional police officers provide public safety and security through the custody and management of those individuals incarcerated within the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, it is increasingly dangerous to perform these jobs in a world where law enforcement and correctional police officers are targeted for the uniforms they wear and the duties they perform in service to their community; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement and correctional police officers in this State and throughout the nation serve with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2020, 235 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in the United States in less than one year, including nine officers in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as COVID-19 continues to spread around the country, the first responders on the front lines are increasingly vulnerable to contracting the virus and at least eight correctional police officers have died resulting from this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, these officer's deaths are a sober reminder that our nation's law enforcement and correctional police officers face danger every day they carry out their sworn duty to protect the citizens of this country; and

WHEREAS, countless other law enforcement and correctional police officers are injured and disabled each year while performing their duties; and

WHEREAS, these burdens are carried not only by law enforcement and correctional police officers, but also by their families who make personal sacrifices in order for these officers to carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement and correctional police officers that our citizens recognize the difficult career these officers have chosen; and

WHEREAS, these men and women, by their distinctive service and dedicated efforts as law enforcement and correctional police officers, have earned our highest respect and deepest gratitude; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands hereby support Assembly Joint Resolution-197 which designates the month of May of each year being "Law Enforcement and Correctional Police Officer Appreciation Month" in New Jersey and further encourages the citizens of the Borough of Highlands and this State to join in the observance of this month and provide appreciation for the law enforcement and correctional police officers who serve and protect them.

Motion to Approve R-21-69:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
MARTIN		X	X			
MAZZOLA			X			
MELNYK			X			
OLSZEWSKI			X			
BROULLON	X		X			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.

DATE OF VOTE: March 3, 2021

Michelle Hutchinson Acting Municipal Clerk Borough of Highlands