

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015
(Senators Wardner, Heckaman)
(Representatives Carlson, Mock)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution designating May 15, 2017, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day".

WHEREAS, peace officers make an invaluable contribution to the safety of North Dakotans and it is considered appropriate there be, in each year, a day to mark and pay tribute to the hard work, dedication, and sacrifices made by North Dakota peace officers; and

WHEREAS, "Peace Officers Memorial Holiday" is held annually in the United States on May 15 in honor of federal, tribal, state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is important to strengthen the fellowship and heritage of law enforcement, family relationships, and the memory of the officers who have fallen or passed away; and

WHEREAS, "Peace Officers Memorial Day" promotes and recognizes high standards of ethics, integrity, honor, courtesy, and professionalism which develop and maintain citizen confidence in the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, peace officers reflect a positive image of law enforcement to assist in providing safety, security, and protection of the rights of individuals, regardless of race, creed, religion, gender, or national origin; and

WHEREAS, in the last two years North Dakotans have mourned the tragic loss of two peace officers who gave their lives in the line of duty, Jason Moszer, an officer with the Fargo Police Department who died on February 11, 2016; and Colt Allery, a Deputy with the Rolette County Sheriff's Office who died on January 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the lives of those two peace officers, along with the many other North Dakota peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice will be commemorated on the grounds of the State Capitol in Bismarck and across the state on May 15, "Peace Officers Memorial Day";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly designates May 15, 2017, as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" as proclaimed by the President of the United States and the Governor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State of North Dakota shall honor "Peace Officers Memorial Day" annually with an appropriate blue light display on the State Capitol; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Attorney General, the North Dakota Peace Officers Association, the North Dakota Sheriff's and Deputies Association, the Chiefs of Police Association of North Dakota, and the North Dakota Fraternal Order of Police.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House