

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4015

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Heckaman

Representatives Carlson, Mock

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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