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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 9, 2023, AS "LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY" IN DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, having a police force is a relatively new concept in the scope of history. During colonial times, forces  
2 were part-time and privately funded. Volunteer night watches were also common. Boston started a police force in 1636,  
3 followed by New York City in 1658 and Philadelphia in 1700; and

4 WHEREAS, by the late 1880s, all major cities had police forces to protect public order. However, it was not until  
5 well into the 20th century that there was a move towards the professionalization of police officers; and

6 WHEREAS, the National Concerns of Police Survivors ("COPS") organization coordinated and dedicated the first  
7 observed National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day ("LEAD") in 2015; and

8 WHEREAS, LEAD is a day to recognize all members of law enforcement, with a focus on police and similar state  
9 and local agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, COPS recommends several ways to celebrate the day, such as thanking a police officer; sharing a  
11 positive story about law enforcement; turning on a blue light outside one's home; reading a book about law enforcement,  
12 such as The Police in America: An Introduction; or watching a film about law enforcement, such as Serpico.

13 NOW, THEREFORE:

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
15 Representatives concurring therein, that January 9, 2023, is recognized as "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" in the  
16 State of Delaware.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Senate and the House of Representatives send their profound  
18 gratitude to the men and women in Delaware who serve as law enforcement and give of their own personal safety to protect  
19 others and make our families, communities, and workplaces safe.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution recognizes January 9, 2023, as "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" in the State of Delaware.

