

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM AND SACRIFICES OF LAW  
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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5 WHEREAS, every year, many dedicated, service-oriented  
6 New Mexicans choose to enter law enforcement despite the  
7 incredible dangers and uncertainties that come with the job;  
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9 WHEREAS, every day, law enforcement officers unselfishly  
10 risk their lives to ensure protection of the rights,  
11 privileges, property and safety of the people of New Mexico;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, sworn to preserve peace, maintain order and  
14 prevent and detect crime, law enforcement officers never know  
15 what challenges and turn of events their day will bring, much  
16 less whether they will end their day safe at home with their  
17 loved ones; and

18 WHEREAS, hundreds of police departments and sheriffs'  
19 offices around the country have lost personnel in the line of  
20 duty; and

21 WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as  
22 national "Peace Officers Memorial Day" in honor and  
23 remembrance of those who have lost their lives or who have  
24 become disabled in the performance of duty; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2015, Albuquerque police department Officer

1 Daniel Scott Webster and Rio Rancho police department Officer  
2 Gregg "Nigel" Benner both lost their lives in the line of  
3 duty, and Albuquerque police department Officer Lou Golson  
4 was severely wounded in the line of duty; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2013, Sergeant Robert Baron of the Sandoval  
6 county sheriff's office lost his life in the line of duty;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, without the courageous men and women serving in  
9 law enforcement agencies, the great state of New Mexico would  
10 be a less safe and secure place for all;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that law  
13 enforcement officers be honored and recognized for the daily  
14 heroism and sacrifices made to ensure the peace and safety of  
15 New Mexicans in all of the state's communities; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the family of Officer Daniel Scott Webster, the  
18 family of Officer Gregg "Nigel" Benner, Officer Lou Golson,  
19 the family of Sergeant Robert Baron, the Albuquerque police  
20 department, the Rio Rancho police department, the Sandoval  
21 county sheriff's office, the New Mexico sheriffs' and police  
22 association, the New Mexico state fraternal order of police  
23 and the secretary of public safety.