

A MEMORIAL

HONORING OUR POLICE OFFICERS AND JOINING WITH THE GOVERNOR
IN PROCLAIMING THIS DAY NEW MEXICO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
DAY.

WHEREAS, police officers risk their lives every day in
the line of duty to serve and protect the citizens of New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, police officers give true witness to the
belief that there is no greater love than that a man lay
down his life for his friends; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's law enforcement officers are the
thin blue line between law-abiding citizens and an
increasingly dangerous criminal element; and

WHEREAS, this week of May has been declared National
Police Memorial Week; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred fifty-one police
officers nationwide have been killed in the line of duty
this year; and

WHEREAS, Officer Kelly F. Clark, Sierra county deputy
sheriff and the only New Mexican officer to die in the line
of duty this year, was killed March 4, 1999, during the
regular legislative session, while transporting a prisoner;
and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature honors Officer
Kelly F. Clark and all the officers who risk their lives for

all of us;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature join with the governor in declaring May 11 New Mexico Law Enforcement Officer Day in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the chief of the New Mexico state police and the president of the appropriate police officers' associations.
