

1                   **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OBSERVANCE OF**  
2                   **PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

3                   2008 GENERAL SESSION

4                   STATE OF UTAH

5                   **Chief Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner**

6                   House Sponsor: Richard A. Greenwood

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                  This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Utah citizens and  
11                  government entities to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff each year on May 15,  
12                  Peace Officers Memorial Day.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                  This resolution:

- 15                  ▶ urges the citizens of the state of Utah and state and local government entities to  
16                  recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day, this year and every year hereafter, by flying  
17                  the flag of the United States at halfstaff and by other appropriate observances; and  
18                  ▶ urges Utahns to remember the sacrifice of Utah peace officers who have been killed  
19                  or disabled in the line of duty.

20                  **Special Clauses:**

21                  None

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23                  *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

24                  WHEREAS, in our nation's history, nearly 18,000 law enforcement officers have been  
25                  killed in the line of duty;

26                  WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers  
27                  Memorial Day;

28                  WHEREAS, in 1994, the United States Congress passed legislation requesting that the  
29                  President of the United States annually issue a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace

30 Officers Memorial Day;

31 WHEREAS, this designation is made so that on May 15 of each year, the citizens of the  
32 United States and the representatives of their government will appropriately honor federal,  
33 state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty;

34 WHEREAS, to achieve this purpose, the proclamation directs that, on May 15, United  
35 States Government officials display the flag of the United States at halfstaff on all government  
36 buildings;

37 WHEREAS, the proclamation also invites state and local governments and the people of  
38 the United States to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and  
39 activities, including flying the flag of the United States at halfstaff;

40 WHEREAS, Peace Officers Memorial Day is one of only two days during which all  
41 residents, businesses, and government agencies are required to lower their United States flags,  
42 the other day being Memorial Day in commemoration of those who died in military service to  
43 their country;

44 WHEREAS, flying the United States flag at halfstaff on Peace Officers Memorial Day is  
45 a reverent reminder of the respect citizens and federal, state, and local governments should  
46 show to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice;

47 WHEREAS, flying the United States flag at halfstaff should also encourage citizens and  
48 governments to remember the family, friends, and colleagues the honored dead have left behind;

49 WHEREAS, flying the United States flag at halfstaff is also an important reminder of the  
50 continued service and sacrifice of the 800,000 law enforcement officers who each day protect  
51 the citizens of this nation and safeguard democracy; and

52 WHEREAS, recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day with appropriate observances,  
53 including flying the flag of the United States at halfstaff, demonstrates that we who remain do  
54 not forget those whose futures were forfeited in our service:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
56 Governor concurring therein, urge the citizens of the state of Utah and state and local  
57 government entities to recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day, this year and every year

58 hereafter, by flying the flag of the United States at halfstaff and by other appropriate  
59 observances.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National  
61 Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Board, the  
62 Utah Peace Officers Association, the Utah Department of Public Safety, and the Utah Highway  
63 Patrol.