

A MEMORIAL

HONORING POLICE, SHERIFFS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL,  
FIREFIGHTERS AND FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS AROUND THE STATE FOR  
THEIR DAILY HEROISM AND SELFLESS DEDICATION TO PROTECTING NEW  
MEXICANS FROM HARM.

WHEREAS, many layers of protection underlie society at  
all times, and this safety net makes it possible for New  
Mexicans to go about their days without fearing for their  
lives at every turn; and

WHEREAS, without the selfless dedication that some  
individuals feel for making society a safe place for all, this  
web of safety would not exist; and

WHEREAS, many dedicated young men and women choose to  
enter law enforcement, firefighting and the field of  
paramedics every year despite the incredible dangers that come  
as part of the job and despite wages that are often not  
commensurate with the risks they will face; and

WHEREAS, as responders to every sort of emergency, law  
enforcement officers, firefighters and firefighter paramedics  
never know whether their day will bring them a stranded kitten  
in a tree or a terrorist attack, much less whether they will  
end their day safe at home with their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of police departments and sheriffs'  
offices around the country have lost personnel in the line of

duty, and President John F. Kennedy declared May 15 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico sets aside September 11 as a day of remembrance to honor those brave and compassionate firefighters who have also fallen in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, without the courageous men and women serving in law enforcement agencies and fire departments, the state would be a lesser place for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and appreciation be extended to police, sheriffs, law enforcement personnel, firefighters and firefighter paramedics statewide for their daily heroism and dedication to protecting New Mexicans from harm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public safety, the New Mexico sheriffs' and police association, the New Mexico state firefighters association and the New Mexico emergency medical technicians association.