



**Chippewa County
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11
POLICE WEEK**

A resolution to declare May 11th -16th, 2026, as Police Week in Chippewa County, Michigan.

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

Whereas, there are more than 700,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Chippewa County, Michigan for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

Whereas, in 2024 alone, 145 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. That includes five from Michigan: Motor Carrier Officer Daniel Kerstetter from Michigan State Police, Corporal Mohamed Said from the Melvindale Police Department, Deputy William Butler, Jr. from the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Bradley Reckling from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and Trooper Joel Popp from the Michigan State Police.

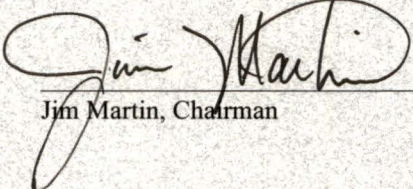
Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

Whereas, Michigan's Chippewa County fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also, all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

Whereas, Chippewa County, Michigan and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, bearing the strains of a pandemic, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the members of this Chippewa County Board of Commissioners declare May 11th -16th 2026, as Police Week in Chippewa County, Michigan. We publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

April 16, 2026


Jim Martin, Charman