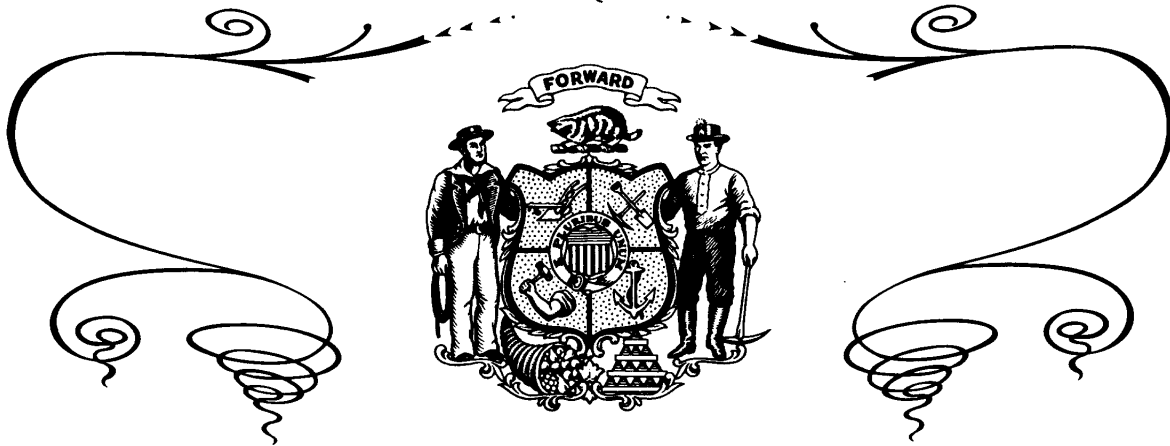


# State of Wisconsin



2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 47

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** recognizing May 2023 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, every year since 1963, National Police Week is observed in May along with Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, to honor law enforcement officers who have lost their lives while serving and protecting us; and

Whereas, law enforcement encompasses all of those individuals who help detect and prevent crime and enforce our laws; and

Whereas, law enforcement officers put their safety and lives at risk every day to selflessly serve and protect our communities from crime and threats; and

Whereas, unfortunately, law enforcement officers are killed or harmed in the line of duty, with over 25,000 officers having been killed in the line of duty in United States history, four officers being killed in Wisconsin in 2023, and over 300 officers being killed in Wisconsin's history; and

Whereas, there are approximately 13,400 law enforcement officers serving in Wisconsin and almost 600 law enforcement agencies operating in the state; and

Whereas, Law Enforcement Appreciation Month offers an opportunity to provide the recognition and support that law enforcement officers deserve for their selfless dedication and hard work protecting the citizens and communities of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, people are encouraged to show their support and appreciation of law enforcement by taking various actions, including by sending a card of support to their local police department, by sharing a positive law enforcement experience on social media, by participating in Project Blue Light through displaying a blue light outside of their house, and, most importantly, by thanking a police officer; and

Whereas, law enforcement holds an essential and valuable role in our society, by constantly and tirelessly protecting our people and communities; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That** May 2023 is recognized as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month in Wisconsin; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the members of the Assembly and Senate express their tremendous gratitude and support to all law enforcement officers in the state of Wisconsin and the nation for their sacrifices and selfless service in protecting our communities.

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Senator Chris Kapenga  
President of the Senate

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Edward A. Blazel  
Assembly Chief Clerk