# HB

# 43

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43</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA29</COMM></TARGET>

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 2/23/15

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3/3/15

**State Affairs Committee** considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 43(STA)

HB 43-JAN 9: AK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DAY

"An Act establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day."

and recommends:

[ ] be **replaced** with **SCS** _____ (_____) *[ ] Same Title [ ] Technical Title Change [ ] New Title/SCR No._____*

[ ] adopt **previous SCS** _____ (_____) *[ ] Same Title [ ] Technical Title Change [ ] New Title/SCR No._____*

[ ] attached amendment(s)

[ ] adopt _____Letter of Intent

[ ] further referral to _____Committee

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[ ] **APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note**

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| | Huggins | — | | | |
| | Wielechowski | ✓ | | | |
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| CHAIR: | Stoltze | ✓ | | | |

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Bill Packet Information

## SCR 2 RECOGNIZING MISS ALASKA & PAGEANT

- Sponsor Statement
- SCR 2 ver A
- Supporting Document - HCR 66 (1970)
- Fiscal Note - Draft (S)STA Note

## HB 43 JAN 9: AK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DAY

- Sponsor Statement
- CS(STA) Explanation of Changes
- CS for HB 43(STA) ver H
- HB 43 ver A
- Legal Memo 12-16-2014
- Fiscal Notes:
    - (New)DOA-DGS 2-9-15 (***Replaces FN#1***)
    - ~~FN#1 DOA-FAC 1-30-15~~
    - FN#2 LEG-SESS 1-27-15
- Supporting Documents:
    - Executive Proclamation 1-8-15
    - APOA Statement
    - Article KTVA 1-9-15
    - Letter Brad Johnson 1-28-15
    - Letter Gary Folger 1-24-15
    - Letter Gerald Asselin 1-24-15
    - Letter Jake Metcalfe 1-26-15
    - Letter Rick Boyles 2-19-15

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT
## CSHB43(STA)
**"An Act establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day."**

CSHB43(STA) establishes "Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day" to honor and support the men and women who put their lives on the line for us every day to serve the people of our great state, and protect us from barbarism and anarchy.

There is nothing more descriptive of Alaska's law enforcement mission than some words from the song "*Impossible Dream*," sung by the gallant and indemonstrable character Don Quixote: "To fight the unbeatable foe . . . To bear with unbearable sorrow . . . To run where the brave dare not go . . . , To right the unrightable wrong . . . to fight for the right, without question or pause, To be willing to march into Hell . . . And the world will be better for this."

On January 9th, 2015, partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide promoted a National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. The holiday was started by the FBI National Academy to thank officers across the country who take risks to protect their communities. We believe it would be appropriate to designate January 9th of each year as Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day to honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and those who continue to serve their communities. Peace officers across Alaska wear many different titles: VSPOs, State Troopers, and Police Officers, to name a few, but they share in common a commitment to uphold the laws of our state and to protect its citizens. A Day of Designation would serve as a welcome reminder to thank and honor those who serve us daily in a dangerous line of work.

Alaska and its peoples face many issues and challenges. But without survival those issues and challenges are moot. It is law enforcement and peace officers, and other first responders, who assist our survival. "Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day" helps bring that reality into focus, and says, "Thank you."

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## CSHB43(STA) Explanation of Changes

HB 43 Version A designates the Sunday preceding May 15 each year to honor law enforcement officers and peace officers. If May 15 falls on a Sunday, then Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day is on May 15. Version W simply changes the date to January 9 of every year.

May 15 is National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls is National Police Week. Initially, we thought this would be a good time to add Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day, but it became clear that an additional day of honor might conflict with memorial observances that are already held in Alaska and Washington D.C.

Rep. Lynn intended his bill to honor those law enforcement officers who are still on the job, not only those who have given their lives in the line of duty. For that reason, we changed the date to January 9 to coincide with the National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. We believe this will provide a great opportunity to thank and honor those officers who continue to serve every day, without distracting from the equally important memorial observances that already occur in May.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 43

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNN**

**Introduced: 1/9/15**
**Referred: Prefiled**

## A BILL

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**"An Act establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day."**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

* **Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

**Sec. 44.12.140. Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day.** Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day is established on the Sunday preceding May 15 each year to honor law enforcement officers and peace officers. If May 15 falls on a Sunday, then Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day is on May 15. Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.

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**MEMORANDUM** December 16, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day
(Work Order No. 29-LS0242\A)

**TO:** Representative Bob Lynn
Attn: Nancy Manly

**FROM:** Susie L. Shutts
Legislative Counsel

Enclosed is the bill draft you requested establishing a day to honor Alaska law enforcement officers. As I discussed with Ms. Manly, the bill uses the terms "peace officer" and "law enforcement officer," and the day itself is called Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day. Although both "law enforcement officer" and "peace officer" appear in the Alaska Statutes, the term "peace officer" is used much more frequently and generally applies to a larger group of people when defined.[1] Please review this draft to make sure it reflects your intent, and let me know if you would like any changes.

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Enclosure

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[1] For example, "peace officer" is defined in AS 01.10.060(a)(7) to include state troopers, municipal police force members, village and regional public safety officers, and U.S. marshals and deputy marshals. This definition applies to all Alaska statutes, unless the context requires otherwise. Compare this broad definition of "peace officer" with the more limited definitions of "law enforcement officer," for example in AS 08.54.640(d)(1), which applies only to AS 08.54.640 ("a person who is employed by the Department of Public Safety as a state trooper or as a law enforcement officer engaged in fish and wildlife protection; or employed as a fish and wildlife law enforcement officer by the United States Department of the Interior or the United States Department of Agriculture"), or AS 08.76.590(14), which applies only to AS 08.76.100 - 08.76.590 ("a police officer of the municipality where a pawnshop is located; or a state trooper if a pawnshop is located in the unorganized borough or if a pawnshop is located in a municipality that does not provide police protection services").

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 43
Fiscal Note Number:
() Publish Date:

Identifier: HB043CS(STA)-DOA-DGS-02-09-15
Title: JAN 9: AK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DAY
Sponsor: ** LYNN, TALERICO
Requester: House Rules

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: General Services
Allocation: Facilities
OMB Component Number: 2429

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2016 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2016 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | |
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| **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2017** | **FY 2018** | **FY 2019** | **FY 2020** | **FY 2021** |
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| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| **Total Operating** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

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| **Change in Revenues** | | | | | | | |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Change of date to recognize Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day.


Prepared By: Tom Mayer, Director — Phone: (907)465-5677
Division: General Services — Date: 02/09/2015 04:34 PM
Approved By: Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner — Date: 02/09/15
Agency: Department of Administration

# FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

**STATE OF ALASKA**
**2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO.** CSHB 43(STA)

## Analysis

This bill establishes January 9 of each year to honor law enforcement officers and peace officers.

The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version: | CSHB 43(STA) |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 1 |
| (H) Publish Date: | 2/4/2015 |

Identifier: HB043-DOA-FAC-01-30-15
Title: JAN 9: AK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DAY
Sponsor: ** LYNN, TALERICO
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: General Services
Allocation: Facilities
OMB Component Number: 2429

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2016 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2016 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | |
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| **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2017** | **FY 2018** | **FY 2019** | **FY 2020** | **FY 2021** |
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| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| **Total Operating** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

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| None | | | | | | | |
| **Total** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

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| **Change in Revenues** | | | | | | | |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version

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| Division: | General Services | Date: | 01/30/2015 03:00 PM |
| Approved By: | Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner | Date: | 01/30/15 |
| Agency: | Department of Administration | | |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## Analysis

This bill establishes the Sunday prior to May 15 (or May 15 if it falls on a Sunday) of each year to honor law enforcement officers and peace officers.

The Department of Administration, Division of General Services does not anticipate any fiscal impact from the proposed legislation and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2015 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version: | CSHB 43(STA) |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 2 |
| (H) Publish Date: | 2/4/2015 |

Identifier: HB43-LEG-SESS-01-27-15
Title: JAN 9: AK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DAY
Sponsor: ** LYNN, TALERICO
Requester: H(STA)

Department: Alaska Legislature
Appropriation: Legislative Operating Budget
Allocation: Session Expenses
OMB Component Number: 782

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY2016 Appropriation Requested | Included in Governor's FY2016 Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | |
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| **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2016** | **FY 2017** | **FY 2018** | **FY 2019** | **FY 2020** | **FY 2021** |
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| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| **Total Operating** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

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| None | | | | | | | |
| **Total** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** | **0.0** |

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| **Change in Revenues** | | | | | | | |

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*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

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*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

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**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Initial Version


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Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## Analysis

This legislation has zero fiscal impact on the Legislative Affairs Agency.

# STATE OF ALASKA

# *Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, the dedicated men and women of Alaska's law enforcement agencies serve and protect Alaskans and ensure our communities are healthy and safe every day; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are highly trained and many make daily personal sacrifices to maintain public peace and order, enforce traffic laws, conduct search and rescue operations, investigate allegations of human abuse or neglect, respond to citizen inquiries, protect life and property, and provide current and relevant law enforcement training to law enforcement and criminal justice agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's law enforcement officers wear a badge – a symbol of authority granted by oath – and vow to uphold the highest ideals of law enforcement and truth, regardless of outcome. A badge marks an officer's courage to make the right decisions in the face of extremely dangerous situations and moral dilemmas, and to show compassion to those in need without bias, regardless of circumstances or condition; and

WHEREAS, members of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, the Alaska State Troopers, and the Alaska Wildlife Troopers work to carry out their core values of Loyalty, Integrity, Courage, Compassion, Leadership, and Accountability, and members of other federal and local law enforcement agencies across our state also work hard for Alaskans every day; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate law enforcement officers who remain steadfast, honorable, and uncompromised in the performance of duty while exhibiting leadership and professional conduct; and

it is important to recognize our everyday heroes and their families for their bravery, selfless duty, and commitment to Alaskans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2015 as:

*Law Enforcement Appreciation Day*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

Dated: January 8, 2015

Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor*
*who has also authorized the seal of the State of Alaska to be affixed to this proclamation.*

# Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Jan. 9, 2015

## Governor Walker's Proclamation declaring January 9th Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

On January 9th, 2015, organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide will promote a National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.).
In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in public service to us all.

Can you imagine going to work each day and wondering if you'll survive your shift and see your family that night? Most people can't. But in law enforcement, this is a fact of life. Each day 780,000 police officers across our country put a badge on and go to work knowing they may face extremely dangerous situations. Yet, they go to work anyway. Being a law enforcement officer is not just a job, it is a calling. The pay is low, the hours can be terrible, and there is sometimes little appreciation for what you do. Yet, they do it anyway.
What the public doesn't see is the toll law enforcement takes to keep our communities safe. On average, between 105 and 203 officers die in the line of duty each year, 50,000 officers are assaulted in the line of duty each year, 14,000 officers are injured in the line of duty each year, and over 300 officers commit suicide each year. There is no other profession in the world, except possibly the military, where you will find these kinds of statistics.

Being a law enforcement officer truly is an impossible job. You must be professional, courteous, caring and yet be ready to protect the public at all times. You must be prepared to make life and death decisions in a moment's notice. You take an amazing amount of abuse at times, but have to view this abuse as just "part of the job." You do not have the liberty to express your emotions during many situations.
Law enforcement officers play such an integral part in our society. Without law enforcement officers, chaos would reign. Have you ever thought about what you would do if you were in trouble - a car accident, a home invasion, an assault - and you did not have someone to call for help? No matter how much abuse law enforcement takes, they continue to do their job, and do it well. They are the guardians of our way of life and they deserve our support.

On January 9th, we call our nation's citizens to action in support of law enforcement. Those citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the negative attention being given to law enforcement are encouraged take time on Friday, January 9th to show their support.

Our citizens can show their support in a number of ways:
* Change your profile picture on social media to the image at the beginning of this message
* See a police officer? Thank a police officer
* Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement
* Send a card of support to your local police department or state agency
* Share a positive story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media
* Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement
* Participate in Project Blue Light and proudly display your blue light in support of law enforcement
* Organize an event or a rally in support of your law enforcement officers
* Advertise your support through local media outlets/billboards
* Post the public service announcement to your webpage or social media pages

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# Walker announces Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Alaska

By Shannon Kemp (http://www.ktva.com/authors/shannon-kemp/)
4:19 PM January 9, 2015

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ANCHORAGE – Alaska's new governor has issued an executive proclamation naming Jan. 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Gov. Bill Walker signed the proclamation late Thursday, at the request of Public Safety Commissioner's Office, reports Alaska State Trooper spokeswoman Beth Ipsen. It's all part of a national movement led by the FBI National Academy Association and Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. to recognize the efforts of law enforcement officers and the dangers they face on the job.

"What the public doesn't see is the toll law enforcement takes to keep our communities safe," said COPS, Inc. on their website (http://www.nationalcops.org/). "On average, between 105 and 203 officers die in the line of duty each year, 50,000 officers are assaulted in the line of duty each year, 14,000 officers are injured in the line of duty each year, and over 300 officers commit suicide each year."

In Alaska, four law enforcement officers have lost their lives (http://www.odmp.org/) in the line of duty since the beginning of 2013.

- March 19, 2013- Village Public Safety Officer Thomas O. Madole was shot and killed while investigating reports of an altercation earlier that day in Manokotak
- March 30, 2013- Alaska State Trooper Tage Brandel Toll died in a helicopter crash that claimed the lives of two others during a search and rescue mission
- May 1, 2014- Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Patrick Scott Johnson was fatally shot while investigating reports of a man brandishing a firearm in Tanana
- May 1, 2014- Alaska State Trooper Gabriel Rich was also fatally shot while investigating reports of a man brandishing a firearm in Tanana

When asked about the news, Anchorage Police Department spokeswoman Jennifer Castro said, "It's just another day on the job, we're all still working like we do every day."

Observers of the day are encouraged to wear blue as a show of solidarity for law enforcement officers.

Alaska has more than 50 law enforcement agencies throughout the state, according to the last census of state and local agencies in 2008. Over 2,100 law enforcement personnel serve Alaskans, with a reported total of 1,298 sworn officers of the law.

APOA
ALASKA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*Making a Difference in the Last Frontier*

January 28, 2015

The Honorable Bob Lynn
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol Rm. 108
120 4th Street
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Lynn:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for amending House Bill 43, "An act establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers Day".

The APOA Legislative Committee unanimously supports your bill to establish Alaska Law Enforcement Officers Day on January 9 each year to coincide with National Law Enforcement Officers Day. Thank you for recognizing and paying tribute to the intrepid men and women who serve our communities and state with bravery and courage.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson
State President

Cc: Representatives Talerico, Vazquez, Wool, and Claman

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January 24, 2015

The Honorable Representative Bob Lynn
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Lynn,

With great delight and gratitude, I write to thank you for sponsoring House Bill 43 in this, the first session of the Twenty-ninth Alaska Legislature.

Like our State Troopers, Wildlife Troopers and Village Public Safety Officers, all of Alaska's law enforcement officials serve its citizens with core values of loyalty, integrity and courage. The Department of Public Safety is grateful for partnerships with municipal, federal, tribal, University and other state law enforcement agencies. Together, they are Alaska's guardians of peace. Every one of these brave men and women deserve our respect and gratitude. Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day will be a wonderful way to honor them all for their service.

Sincerely,

Gary Folger
Commissioner

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January 24, 2015

Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

My name is Sergeant Gerard Asselin. I have been in law enforcement for more than 17 years. I am the President of the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association (APDEA) which represents about 475 rank and file employees of the Anchorage Police Department. I am writing in support of HB 43 which would establish "Alaska Law Enforcement Day."

The APDEA has among its members more than 325 Police Officers and Sergeants that work daily to protect and serve our community. We do this, not for recognition or fame but out of a sense of duty. Our officers endure many challenging and diverse situations. The work continues with the hope of making our communities better and stemming the tide of ill in society.

Each year, scores of officers die in the line of duty; 121 died in 2014 and already 9 have died to date in 2015. Yearly, more than 65,000 officers are assaulted with many of these assaults resulting in injury. Sadly, every year violent acts upon our Alaskan law enforcement officers add to these national numbers. These statistics represent some of the more tangible affects upon our officers. We should not forget about the less tangible affects related to repeated exposures to death, societal dysfunction and other traumatic events.

As we all know, right now there is a national discussion occurring regarding policing in America. A part of this discussion we must continue to acknowledge and respect the sacrifices that our officers make every day. HB 43 does just that, right here in Alaska on a statewide level. Having a day of recognition can provide an opportunity for Alaskans to recognize these men and women and say, "thank you."

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Gerard Asselin
President
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# Public Safety Employees Association, Inc.

*"Representing Alaska's Finest"*

**A.F.S.C.M.E. Local 803**


Chairman Bob Lynn
Alaska State Capital #108
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Lynn:

The Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA), AFSCME Local 803, thanks you for introducing HB 43, "An Act Establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day. PSEA submits this letter in support of HB 43.

PSEA represents approximately 800 of Alaska's finest law enforcement employees. They include the Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Court Services Officers, Anchorage and Fairbanks Airport Police and Fire Officers, Alaska Deputy Fire Marshalls and municipal police employees in Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Fairbanks, Soldotna, Dillingham and Unalaska, Alaska. PSEA members, and all other law enforcement employees in Alaska, protect and serve all residents of Alaska, everyday.

Last week, Governor Walker's office issued Transition Team Reports. As you know, transition team members included Alaskans from all regions of our state and from all walks of life. One transition team specifically addressed Public Safety in Alaska. That report contains an important policy statement:

***As a state, and as an employer, we have a duty to the men and women we hire to serve and protect our citizens and to enforce our laws. If we, as a state, are asking these public servants to protect all of our citizens from danger, we owe them the full measure of our support -- they deserve to be well paid, well equipped, well trained and well led. They need to know that if they are injured, we will nurse them back to health, and that if they are killed we will comfort and assist their families.***

PSEA believes HB 43 is an example of the policy statement above. By establishing an "Alaska Law Enforcement Day" the State of Alaska shows a "full measure of support" to the "men and women we hire to serve and protect our citizens and to enforce our laws." It also gives Alaska and its communities a time and day to reflect on the ultimate sacrifices made and a moment to honor those who dedicate themselves and their families to serve Alaskans.

PSEA Local 803 proudly requests that all members of the House State Affairs Committee support HB 43.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

In solidarity,

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February 19, 2015

Representative Bob Lynn
State Capital, MS 3100

Re: HB 43 – Establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officers' Day

Dear Representative Lynn:

On behalf of the Teamster represented law enforcement men and women that we represent in Wasilla, we want to thank you for introducing HB 43, establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Day. Our officers, like those around the state, go through vigorous training, personal sacrifice, with a strong desire to serve our communities and make them as safe as possible.

Our law enforcement officers are challenged everyday, in dangerous situations or moral dilemmas to uphold the law regardless of the outcome. They interface with some of our most challenged community members and must remain fair and impartial regardless of the circumstances.

We therefore, go on record supporting HB 43-Establishing Alaska Law Enforcement Officer's Day in recognition of those men and women who have served and those who serve today to protect our communities by enforcing established laws which ultimately protect our communities and make them a better place to live.

Sincerely,

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