

Senate Resolution No. 2042

**BY:** Senator GOLDEN

**MEMORIALIZING** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 9, 2017, as Police Memorial Day in the State of New York

**WHEREAS,** Police Memorial Day is a day of mourning for those police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS,** This is a day to reflect upon the ultimate contributions made each day by police officers who protect our society and well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2016, 40 police officers died in New York State; two of those 40 were killed in the line of duty: Trooper Timothy P. Pratt, on October 26th and Sergeant Paul J. Tuozzolo, NYPD, on November 4th; and 38 of those 40, who died from 2003 through 2016, were deemed to have succumbed as a result of World Trade Center-related illnesses or injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** In commemorating May 9, 2017, as Police Memorial Day in New York State, this Legislative Body honors those officers who have given their lives in the satisfaction of their duties and offers comfort to the family members and fellow officers left behind, and recognizes the loyal servitude by all police officers in New York State which permits us to thrive in a safe, free and just society; and

**WHEREAS,** As an unending emblem of appreciation of the people of New York State, in 1989, this Legislative Body sanctioned the creation of a Police Memorial at the State Capital revering all police officers in New York State who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 9, 2017, as Police Memorial Day in New York State, certain that such course of action mirrors our collective dedication to maintain the fundamental nature of freedom which is our American heritage; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; to appropriate officers and members of the police community; and to the loving survivors of the brave officers who died in New York State in 2016, and of those officers who have died in prior years.