

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Designating the week of October 4 through October 10, 2020, as “National Community Policing Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas police officers are indispensable members of the community who put their lives on the line to protect others;

Whereas promoting strong relationships founded in trust and mutual respect between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve helps ensure the safe and effective execution of the law;

Whereas law enforcement officers and communities that work together to address public safety concerns can create lasting solutions to difficult challenges;

Whereas recent events have sparked a nationwide call to improve the interactions between law enforcement officers

and the communities they serve, particularly communities of color;

Whereas community policing facilitates peaceful dialogue, capable of fostering understanding and trust, between law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas community policing can help improve the equal enforcement of the laws;

Whereas community policing informs the public about the challenges that law enforcement officers face in executing their duties and provides law enforcement officers insight into the concerns of community members;

Whereas a long-term commitment to community policing is necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of crime;

Whereas the advancement of community policing should be supported to ensure that State and local law enforcement agencies have necessary resources; and

Whereas community policing has been recognized as an important tool for improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of October 4 through
3 October 10, 2020, as “National Community Policing
4 Week”; and

5 (2) supports community policing and encour-
6 ages the people of the United States, law enforce-
7 ment agencies, and elected officials to identify ways

- 1 in which communities can improve public safety,
- 2 strengthen relationships, and build trust.