



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
October 9th, 2021

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers are highly trained professionals who abide by a code of conduct and the rule of law; and,

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers across our Nation selflessly place the safety and security of others above their own on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 264 federal, state, military, tribal, and local law enforcement officers, including 12 peace officers in the Commonwealth, were killed in the line of duty in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, This represents an increase of 96% from 2019 and the highest number of line-of-duty deaths of peace officers since 1974; and,

WHEREAS, In 2019 alone, over 56,000 law enforcement officers were assaulted in the line of duty with more than 17,000 of these officers (or 30%) sustaining injuries from these assaults; and,

WHEREAS, The York County Republican Committee believes that this dramatic increase in line-of-duty deaths and the high rate of assault upon law enforcement officers has a direct relationship to the unfair treatment of law enforcement officers by the national media and partisan politicians who capitalize on the bad conduct of a small percentage of law enforcement officers in an effort to further their own political objectives; and

WHEREAS, The vast majority of law enforcement officers in our Nation and Commonwealth conduct themselves as professionals who enforce our laws with honor and fidelity; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to “defund the police” and place the rights of criminal offenders above those of law enforcement officers, victims of crime or the general public, are reprehensible and should be condemned by all, regardless of political affiliation; and,

WHEREAS, These efforts have a demoralizing effect on law enforcement officers who take an oath to “protect and serve;” and

WHEREAS, According to the Police Executive Research Forum, in the one-year period between April of 2020 and April of 2021, police officer retirements increased by 45% and resignations increased by 18%, when compared to the preceding 12 months; and,

WHEREAS, Police agencies that saw the greatest increase in retirements and resignations were those agencies in large departments in big and medium-sized cities across the Nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the bad acts of a small percentage of law enforcement officers should not be used as fodder to further political agendas that endanger the welfare of those who live up to their oath of service on a daily basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the York County Republican Committee condemns any effort to defund police or give “space” to those who wish to destroy our law enforcement community and efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the York County Republican Committee fully, and unapologetically, supports law enforcement officers throughout our Nation and Commonwealth.

RESOLVED, The York County Republican Committee Chairman shall submit copies of this resolution to Republican Party of Pennsylvania. Shall distribute to all York County Chiefs of Police.

Adopted October 9, 2021

Jeffrey E. Piccola, Chair

Laura Shue, Secretary