

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland First Responder Appreciation Week**

3 FOR the purpose of encouraging the Governor to proclaim an annual Maryland First  
4 Responder Appreciation Week.

5 WHEREAS, Firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency services  
6 personnel perform vital public services for the residents of Maryland; and

7 WHEREAS, These selfless public servants are ready to risk their own lives to  
8 provide lifesaving care to Maryland residents and visitors any time, day or night; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of men and women serve as firefighters, law  
10 enforcement officers, and medical services and emergency services personnel across  
11 the State and are the first to respond to an emergency, whether that emergency  
12 involves a fire, crime, medical emergency, hazardous materials, natural disaster, or  
13 transportation accident; and

14 WHEREAS, The days around September 11 have been established in the minds  
15 of the people of Maryland and the United States as a time each year to particularly  
16 remember, with appreciation and gratitude, the vital services of our firefighters, law  
17 enforcement officers, and medical services and emergency services personnel; and

18 WHEREAS, The people of Maryland recognize the heroic and selfless actions of  
19 all emergency services personnel in the State and want to have a special opportunity  
20 each year to express their deep appreciation; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the  
22 Governor of Maryland proclaim that the week of the year that contains September 11  
23 is, and from this date shall be, the annual Maryland First Responder Appreciation  
24 Week; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
26 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the



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- 1 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
- 2 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.