

## 2023 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 469

*Designating the first Monday in October, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, as School Security Officer Day in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 3, 2023

Agreed to by the Senate, February 14, 2023

WHEREAS, school security officers play a vital role in schools throughout the Commonwealth and the United States by providing security and public safety services, as well as informal counseling and education; and

WHEREAS, school security officers help promote positive interactions between law enforcement and school children and school communities and have touched countless young lives through their integrity and dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, school security officers in the Commonwealth work with students, educators, parents, other public safety organizations, and community partners to ensure safe learning environments, provide valuable resources to school staff members, and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect young people with the goal of protecting all children, allowing them to reach their fullest potential in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, school security officers, along with school resource officers, play a critical role in the initial response to a school shooting or other acts of violence in or around a school; and

WHEREAS, school security officers are valuable and essential members of the education community and deserve respect and support from the public in the pursuit of their goals to keep schools and students safe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate the first Monday in October, in 2023 and in each succeeding year, as School Security Officer Day in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit a copy of this resolution to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services so that members of the agency may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates post the designation of this day on the General Assembly's website.

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