

## Commission Resolution 2014-01 A Resolution to Honor Fallen Police Officer Paul K. Butterfield II and Extend Public Safety Officer Benefits

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards is the duly appointed body of state government providing for the training and licensure of Michigan law enforcement officers; and,

WHEREAS Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II attended the University of Tennessee and served in the United States Army prior to his law enforcement career; and,

WHEREAS Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II began his police training and graduated from the 118<sup>th</sup> Recruit School of the Michigan State Police in 1999 and continued his career as a licensed police officer in the State of Michigan serving fourteen years with the Michigan State Police assigned to the Manistee Post for eleven years and then transferred to the Hart Post; and

WHEREAS Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II was a dedicated public servant who performed his duties in a manner that has distinguished the entire law enforcement profession and earned him a Unit Citation in 2004 for a homicide investigation; and,

WHEREAS Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II demonstrated commitment and care in the exercise of his duties and was an eager protector of the public and his fellow officers as he served as a defensive tactics instructor, evidence technician and arson investigator; and,

WHEREAS Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II was fatally wounded by an assailant on September 9, 2013 while conducting a traffic stop; and,

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, on behalf of all Michigan law enforcement officers, expresses profound sympathy to the family, fellow officers, friends, and loved ones of **Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II.** 

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards pay their highest tribute to the service and sacrifice of **Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II**;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all entitled benefits provided through the Public Safety Officer Benefits Act shall be extended to the survivors of Trooper Paul K. Butterfield II.

Unanimously adopted by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards on February 19, 2014.

Thomas C. Cameron, Chair