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Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Medicolegal
Death Investigation Professionals Week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National
Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week.

Whereas the Senate is committed to the use of highly trained
medicolegal death investigation professionals to ensure
that the suspicious, violent, unattended, unexplained, and
unexpected deaths that occur throughout the United
States are investigated;

Whereas medicolegal death investigation professionals are an
indispensable component of the public health and public
safety systems in the United States as they speak for
those who can no longer speak for themselves;

Whereas medicolegal death investigation professionals partner
with—

(1) local and national agencies to build and maintain public health databases relating to injury, illness, disease; and

(2) Federal, State, and local agencies to ensure public safety;

Whereas medicolegal death investigation professionals aim to complete the highest quality medicolegal death investigations through national standards; and

Whereas the week of January 21, 2024, through January 27, 2024, is recognized as “National Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of National
3 Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week;
4 and

5 (2) recognizes that National Medicolegal Death
6 Investigation Professionals Week provides a special
7 opportunity for—

8 (A) medicolegal death investigation profes-
9 sionals to—

10 (i) acknowledge the contributions of
11 medicolegal death investigation profes-
12 sionals working throughout the jurisdic-
13 tions of the United States;

14 (ii) organize community events to en-
15 courage a better understanding of
16 medicolegal death investigations;

1 (iii) provide tours to Federal, State,
2 and local policymakers to assist those indi-
3 viduals in gaining better insight into the
4 current capabilities of medicolegal death
5 investigation professionals and the future
6 demands that medicolegal death investiga-
7 tion professionals will face; and

8 (iv) contact and invite local media
9 outlets to cover events hosted during Na-
10 tional Medicolegal Death Investigation
11 Professionals Week;

12 (B) local policymakers to—

13 (i) recognize, through formal com-
14 mendation or resolution, the contributions
15 of local medicolegal death investigation
16 professionals to the communities of those
17 policymakers;

18 (ii) formally declare the week of Janu-
19 ary 21, 2024, through January 27, 2024,
20 to be “National Medicolegal Death Inves-
21 tigation Professionals Week”;

22 (iii) visit local medicolegal death in-
23 vestigation professionals in their jurisdic-
24 tions to gain an understanding of the capa-

1 bilities and needs of those jurisdictions;
2 and

3 (iv) discuss the operational needs of
4 State and local medicolegal death inves-
5 tigation jurisdictions;

6 (C) individuals in the United States, in-
7 cluding members of the media, to—

8 (i) attend community events spon-
9 sored by local medicolegal death investiga-
10 tion jurisdictions;

11 (ii) take tours of local medical exam-
12 iner and coroner offices; and

13 (iii) ask local medical examiner and
14 coroner offices about the operational and
15 legislative needs of those jurisdictions;

16 (D) members of the media to highlight
17 local news stories that focus on the work of
18 local medicolegal death investigation profes-
19 sionals in the communities they serve; and

20 (E) public safety officers, law enforcement
21 officers, and court officers to—

22 (i) attend community events spon-
23 sored by local medicolegal death investiga-
24 tion jurisdictions;

1 (ii) take tours of local medical exam-
2 iner and coroner offices;

3 (iii) discuss the operational needs of
4 State and local medicolegal death inves-
5 tigation jurisdictions; and

6 (iv) engage with local medicolegal
7 death investigation professionals about
8 working together more effectively.

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