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New law allows income tax checkoff to fund memorial for law enforcement officers

LANSING – A bill signed June 16 by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm created a new income tax checkoff that will enable taxpayers to contribute to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund.

“This voluntary checkoff offers taxpayers a way to honor the law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty,” said Governor Granholm. “Because of their sacrifice, and the sacrifice of their families, our neighborhoods are more secure. This memorial is a tribute that will keep their memories alive.”

Public Act 162 establishes a process allowing taxpayers to contribute \$5, \$10 or more of their tax refunds or to make a contribution that will be added to their tax liability. Taxpayers may use the checkoff boxes when they file their 2008 Michigan tax forms.

“This legislation provides an important source of funding for this monument,” said Kathy Cole, chairperson of the Michigan Law Enforcement Memorial Monument Commission. “It’s a giant step toward completion of this important tribute to the 536 Michigan law enforcement officers who died in service to their communities.”

The Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Act (Public Act 177 of 2004) created a memorial monument fund and established a commission to oversee the fund and the construction of a memorial monument to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The monument, which will include the names of all Michigan officers who died in the line of duty, will be built in the Michigan Capitol Park near the corner of Allegan Street and Butler Boulevard.

For more information about the memorial or to contribute to the monument fund, please visit www.mleom.org.

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