



BERRIEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
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July 13, 2017

**WHEREAS**, Gary T. Rampy, born September 12, 1944, began his service as a Michigan State Police Trooper on May 31, 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles B. Stark, born April 4, 1939, began his service as a Michigan State Police Trooper on June 1, 1964; and

**WHEREAS**, the Troopers were patrolling in New Buffalo Township on December 31, 1971 when a traffic stop turned tragic resulting in the deaths of Trooper Gary T. Rampy and Trooper Charles B. Stark; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary T. Rampy became the 26<sup>th</sup> Michigan State Police Trooper killed in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles B. Stark became the 27<sup>th</sup> Michigan State Police Trooper killed in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, while 45 years have passed, Berrien County and the State of Michigan have not forgotten their service or their sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate for the dedicated Troopers to be honored; and

**WHEREAS**, the section of Red Arrow Highway in New Buffalo Township where the incident occurred is being dedicated as the “Trooper Charles Stark and Trooper Gary Rampy Memorial Highway”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners recognizes the sacrifice of these Troopers and the dedication of this 2.5 mile section of Red Arrow Highway as the “Trooper Charles Stark and Trooper Gary Rampy Memorial Highway” in memory and honor of the Troopers whose end of watch occurred December 31, 1971.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that their lives, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon themselves, their family, their Michigan State Police family, Berrien County, the State of Michigan, and the United States of America.

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