

State of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are vital to the safety and stability of a nation under a rule of law and supporting these heroes and honoring their service is the Florida way; and

WHEREAS, nearly 54,000 selfless men and women across Florida courageously put their own safety aside to protect and serve Floridians on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 23,000 names counted among America's fallen law enforcement heroes on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial dating back to 1786, including 911 from Florida; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers typically encounter between 400 to 600 traumatic events during their career, compared with three or four traumatic events encountered by the average citizen; and

WHEREAS, Florida recognizes the sacrifices made by our officers and honors their service, owning the title of most pro-law enforcement state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, our government leaders back the blue by providing the tools, funding, and resources necessary to effectively enforce the law and support officers; and

WHEREAS, the defund the police movement that began in 2020 has coincided with a dramatic rise in homicides and other violent crimes in other parts of the U.S., and caused the retention and recruitment of sworn law enforcement officers to decrease drastically, Florida went the opposite direction; and

WHEREAS, proactive efforts by the Governor and legislative leaders have resulted in the recruitment of nearly 5,000 new Florida officers, including more than 1,200 moving here from every state in the nation since July of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Florida provides recruitment bonuses, funding for basic training, money for equivalency training costs, first time home buyer assistance to Hometown Heroes, Family Empowerment Scholarships for children of officers, money for officers to adopt a child from the state child welfare system and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize May 12-18, as

National Police Week

in Florida and commend law enforcement officers statewide for their dedication to protecting and serving the citizens of this great state and our millions of visitors.

WHEREFORE, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 12th day of May, 2024.



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