



Proclamation



To designate the month of September 2021, to honor the service and sacrifice of Florida law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2021, including those who have succumbed to COVID-19, while protecting our communities.

WHEREAS, approximately 80,000 law enforcement, corrections and correctional probation officers serve communities across the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, more than 220 law enforcement officers in the United States died in the line of duty this year, including over 115 officers who succumbed to COVID-19, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page; and

WHEREAS, Florida has witnessed more than 21 fallen heroes this year with over 14 passing away from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers willingly expose themselves to COVID-19 in the line of duty, and their families when they return home; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association are grateful for the sacrifice of law enforcement officers who protect those they serve; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty should be duly honored; and remember their fallen colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association also want to raise awareness of the specific ongoing threat to law enforcement officers from the COVID-19 virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association does hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as a month to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, including those who died from COVID-19, by wearing mourning bands throughout the month, and we publicly salute the service of all law enforcement officers in the state of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of August 2021 by the Presidents and Executive Directors of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Florida Police Chiefs Association:

Director Stephan Dembinsky, President

Jennifer Cook Pritt, Executive Director



Florida Sheriffs Association:

Sheriff Bobby McCallum, President

Steve Casey, Executive Director