



Proclamation



To designate the month of September 2020, to honor the service and sacrifice of Florida law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2020, including those who have succumbed to COVID-19, while protecting our communities.

- WHEREAS, approximately 80,000 law enforcement officers serve communities across the state of Florida; and
- WHEREAS, 169 law enforcement officers in the United States died in the line of duty this year, including 91 officers who succumbed to COVID-19. Overall, this is a 67% increase from last year according to the Officer Down Memorial Page; and
- WHEREAS, Florida has witnessed 15 fallen heroes this year with 12 dying 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
- WHEREAS, law enforcement officers traditionally wear mourning bands on their service badges to honor 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 IT BE RESOLVED that the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 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 24th day of August 2020 by the Presidents of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Florida Police Chiefs Association:

Chief Jeff Pearson, President

Amy Mercer, Executive Director



Florida Sheriffs Association:

Sheriff Bobby Schultz, President

Steve Casey, Executive Director