

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MAY 12 THROUGH 18, 2024 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Whereas, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and Indian River County municipal police departments; and

Whereas, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week; and

Whereas, on average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 54 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 26,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, over the past decade (2013-2023) the average annual number of officer fatalities has been 163. In 2023, 136 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty; additionally, 25 canines died in the line of duty; and

Whereas, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund honors and remembers those recently fallen law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate price and given their lives to protect and serve.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida, that May 12 – 18, 2024 is recognized as National Police Week in honor of the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation, and May 15 is recognized as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at Half-Staff.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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