

# PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 12 - 18, 2019 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 61 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 23,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past decade (2008-2018) the average annual number of officer fatalities has been 158. 163 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2018; and 28 K9 officers 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during a Wreath Placement Ceremony on the morning of May 13 at the Indian River County Courthouse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA** that May 12 - 18, 2019 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, 2019.

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