

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH THE 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 (2014-2024), the average annual number of officer fatalities has been 163. In 2024, 165 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty; additionally, 21 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 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is recognized as National Police Week in honor of the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation. May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

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