

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 14-20, 2023, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Whereas, across the United States, more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serve in communities, 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 proclaimed 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, and, since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 25,000 U.S. law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

Whereas, 245 law enforcement officers and 25 canine officers died in the line of duty in 2022, and the average annual number of officer fatalities between 2012-2022 is 163; 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, in honor of the service of law enforcement officers in our community and communities across the nation, May 14 – 20, 2023 is recognized as National Police Week, and May 15 is designated 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 16th day of May, 2023.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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