



STATE OF FLORIDA
Office of the Governor

THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tom Berger, Director of Real Estate Management and Development
Jimbo Jackson, Commissioner, Leon County
John E. Dailey, Mayor, City of Tallahassee

FROM: Governor Ron DeSantis

DATE: October 10, 2019

RE: Flags at Half-Staff in Honor of the Director of Capitol Police Christopher John Connell

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, the Director of Capitol Police Christopher John Connell passed away. Chris served with distinction as the Director of the Capitol Police for five years. Previously, he had served with the Tallahassee Police Department from 1986 to 2014. Connell was in consideration to be the City of Tallahassee's Chief of Police.

As a symbol of respect for the memory of the Director of Capitol Police Chris Connell, and his service to our state, I hereby direct the flags of the United States and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff at the County Courthouse of Leon County, Florida, the City Hall of Tallahassee, Florida, and at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, from sunrise to sunset on Friday, October 11, 2019.

Please see the below statement Governor Ron DeSantis issued on the passing of the Director of Capitol Police Chris Connell:

"Incredibly saddened to learn of the passing of Chris Connell, who served with honor and distinction as Director of Capitol Police and previously served 28 years with the Tallahassee Police Department. Casey and I are keeping his family in our prayers."

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