



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in Florida, public safety, the protection of our children and families, and law and order are paramount; and

WHEREAS, our police and law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe, and we are proud of the selfless courage they demonstrate in the face of danger and the compassion they have for Floridians and visitors; and

WHEREAS, approximately 53,000 men and women are on the front lines protecting our communities every day; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, my administration signed HB 3 into law encouraging Floridians to join the law enforcement profession and incentivize talented out-of-state law enforcement professionals to join Florida's law enforcement teams; and

WHEREAS, these incentives to recruit and reward officers includes a signing bonus for newly employed individuals in Florida, scholarships for tuition and fees for those enrolled in a basic recruit training program, and a reimbursement program to cover training costs for certified law enforcement officers who relocate to Florida; and

WHEREAS, my administration announced that for the second straight year, local government first responders will receive a \$1,000 bonus, included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget is \$125 million for the bonuses which will benefit local government police officers, sheriff's deputies, paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Florida is a state that values our men and women of law enforcement today, tomorrow, and for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy signed a bill on October 1, 1962, designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week in Florida is a time for Floridians to honor the men, women, and families who have made the ultimate sacrifice and dedicated their lives to protecting our great state, and to pay special recognition to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 11-17, 2022, as *National Police Week in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 11th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor