



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in Florida, the protection of our children, families, visitors, and law and order are top priority, best achieved by supporting law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, more than 53,000 police and law enforcement officers keep our communities safe, and Florida is proud of the selfless courage they demonstrate every day in our communities to serve and protect the public; and

WHEREAS, through the Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program, 431 people from 45 states and U.S. Territories have relocated to Florida to become law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the program is part of the strongest, most comprehensive law enforcement support initiative in the nation, which also includes scholarships for law enforcement, scholarships for children of law enforcement officers, raises in pay, and retention bonuses for law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Governor DeSantis 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, additionally, in 2021, Governor DeSantis signed HB 1, Combatting Public Disorder, into law to prevent local municipalities from defunding their local law enforcement agencies and to give law enforcement and prosecutors additional tools to prevent violence and property destruction that may result from public disorder; and

WHEREAS, Florida is a state that values our men and women of law enforcement today, tomorrow, and for generations to come; 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 14-20, 2023, 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 14th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Governor