

WHEREAS, line-of-duty deaths of U.S. law enforcement officers in 2021 have already increased at a rate of 7 percent over those for 2020, with 266 line-of-duty deaths as of mid-September, 2021; and

WHEREAS, seventy law enforcement officers have been feloniously killed nationwide as of mid-September of this year, compared to 77 in all of 2020; and

WHEREAS, two hundred and two law enforcement officers have been killed nationwide by non-felonious incidents as of mid-September; and

WHEREAS, as of this month, seven Florida law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty by felonious acts by others while two died by felonious acts in all of 2020; and

WHEREAS, despite the unique dangers to which they have been exposed, American law enforcement officers have continuously and courageously responded to the call of duty throughout 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association have designated the month of September 2021 to honor the service and sacrifice of Florida law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida support and honor the men and women of law enforcement in Florida and nationwide; and commend them for their service and sacrifice to our state and their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize the month of September, 2021 as

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in the State of Florida, and encourage all Florida residents to recognize the service and sacrifice of Florida's law enforcement officers.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 21st day of September, 2021.

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