RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 53

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 9 THROUGH MAY 15, 2021 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY FLORIDA; AND PROCLAMING MAY 15, 2021 AS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.

WHEREAS, May 15th was designated by Presidential Proclamation in 1962, by President John F. Kennedy, as Peace Officer Memorial Day and the week on which it falls as National Police Week. This was designated to honor those officers, Federal, State and local, who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week has become widely recognized throughout the United States of America as a new way for citizenry to pay tribute and express their gratitude to those who have served and have made the ultimate sacrifice, and to those who continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Florida Highway Patrol, the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, and the Fernandina Beach Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during the last 10 years, 1,627 police officers have died in the line of duty, averaging one death every 54 hours; and

WHEREAS, to date, Nassau County has suffered the loss of nine (9) Law Enforcement Officers, heroes who have fallen in the line of duty, including 6 from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, one from the City of Fernandina Beach Police Department, one Florida Highway Patrol Officer, and one Hilliard Constable; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, and sacrifices members of our local law enforcement make for our community and to credit them for their efforts in safeguarding life and property and protecting us against violence and disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 26th day of April, 2021, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- 1. The Board hereby proclaims the week of May 9 through May 15, 2021, as National Police Week in Nassau County and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officer Memorial Day in Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board acknowledges and commends all law enforcement personnel for their service and dedication to Nassau County and its residents.
- 3. The Board encourages all residents to thank a law enforcement officer today for their service and dedication to our community.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS R. FORD Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

NA. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau Coupty Attorney:

MICHAEL S. MULLIN