A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN NASSAU COUNTY FLORIDA; AND PROCLAMING MAY 15, 2024 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 serve, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 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, since the first recorded death in 1786, there have been 26,567 law enforcement officers in the United States who made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 282 new names of fallen heroes were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, including 118 killed in 2023; and

WHEREAS, to date, Nassau County has suffered the loss of thirteen (13) Law Enforcement Officers, heroes who have fallen in the line of duty, including 8 from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, one from the City of Fernandina Beach Police Department, one Florida Highway Patrol Officer, two from the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Law Enforcement, 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 PROCLAIMED this 13th day of May ______, 2024, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- The Board hereby proclaims the week of May 12 through May 18, 2024, as National Police Week in Nassau County and May 15, 2024 as Peace Officer Memorial Day in Nassau County, Florida.
- 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

JOHN F. MARTI Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's

Signature:

OHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

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