

State of Florida

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff was first established in 1821 by Florida Military Commissioner Governor Andrew Jackson when he appointed a sheriff of Florida's first two counties: Henri Peire was appointed Sheriff of Escambia County and James Hannam was appointed Sheriff of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff in the State of Florida was authorized by the Constitution of 1885; and

WHEREAS, over the next 100 years, 67 Florida counties were established, and each included a sheriff's office; and

WHEREAS, the first election to fill the office of sheriff was held in 1888, and regular elections have taken place every four years; and

WHEREAS, this level of civic engagement has led to advances in the way communities are policed and how crime rates have been reduced; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, sheriffs created the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau, which then became the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, sheriffs founded the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, a safe place for children to live and grow to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, sheriffs founded the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, the first statewide training center for city, county and state law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, sheriffs were instrumental in the creation of the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, which established a training curriculum for law enforcement, corrections and correctional probation officers and serves as the certification body for officers and training centers; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, sheriffs pioneered accreditation in the state and was co-founder of the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 helped to create the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission - both programs encourage law enforcement agencies to maintain the highest standards of professional law enforcement for our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, sheriffs led a statewide educational campaign to educate citizens about the importance of elected sheriffs and the end result was passage of Amendment 10 during the 2018 General Election, which ensured elected and independent constitutional officers (to include a sheriff) would exist in all 67 counties by 2025.

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

THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF

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

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 15th day of June, 2021.




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