

State of Florida

Resolution

WHEREAS, auxiliary police or reserve officers are volunteers of a police force, sheriffs' office or state agency and the authority of these units vary from agency to agency; and

WHEREAS, historically and today, auxiliary and reserve units have assisted in the performance of a departments daily duties to include: patrolling the streets and highways of the State and local communities; providing officer back-up; assisting with vital law enforcement communications; participating in specialized details; responding to natural disasters and numerous other emergency and non-emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the auxiliary and reserve units are authorized by the Florida Legislature and are responsible for promoting public safety for the citizens and visitors of Florida; and

WHEREAS, auxiliary and reserve officers within each branch of law enforcement are professionally trained, all volunteer, law enforcement personnel dedicated to providing direct assistance and operational support to their department; and

WHEREAS, auxiliary and reserve units are composed of a diverse group of community-oriented men and women who donate their time and efforts to make the difficult task of law enforcement safer and more effective for law enforcement and our citizens; and

WHEREAS, auxiliary and reserve officers undergo a rigorous selection process and training is similar to that of career law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the auxiliary and reserve officers are volunteers who dedicate a minimum required number of hours per quarter or month – the number of hours vary from agency to agency; and

WHEREAS, most put in well above the minimum hours required as there are many opportunities to participate in special details and enforcement activities - most want to 'get out' and work the details; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers most likely became an auxiliary or reserve officer because they have a genuine interest in public service; and

WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement agencies value and depend on these volunteers to supplement their law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of auxiliary and reserve volunteers who have donated hundreds of thousands of hours over the years, saving the State of Florida millions of dollars in man-hour related salaries.

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

AUXILIARY AND RESERVE OFFICERS

in the State of Florida, and encourage all Florida residents to recognize and support the service and sacrifice of Florida's volunteer 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 4th day of May, 2021.





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