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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - July 31, 2020



This week, I joined law enforcement officers from across the state for the Florida Sheriffs Summer Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony looked a bit different from years prior as COVID-19 has changed the way we gather. It has also affected policing.

The pandemic is not the only crisis our LEOs are fighting. Our officers continue to combat the opioid epidemic—with deaths predicted to hit a record high—all while facing hostile groups of radicals aiming to undermine those who wear a badge.

The number of officers killed in the line-of-duty is up more than 50% in 2020 already. According to the FBI, 28 law enforcement officers have been feloniously killed in the line-of-duty during the first half of this year alone.

This is heartbreaking and unacceptable.

Despite all the threats, dangers and new challenges, the courageous men and women in law enforcement stand firm in their commitment to protect the

communities they love. They answer the call to keep the peace and are too often met with disrespect and violence.

As Florida's Attorney General, a former judge, prosecutor and the proud wife of a law enforcement officer, I know that the vast majority of law enforcement officers are good people, dedicated to a life of service over self. They are heroes, brave men and women willing to risk their own health and safety to protect yours and mine.

Please join me in honoring our law enforcement officers. Thank them for their service. Support them during these challenging times.

Backing the blue together, we will build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

In The News

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Human Trafficking

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Attorney General Ashley Moody, Chair of Florida's Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, is urging congressional leaders to take action to slow human trafficking of health care workers from Cuba—many of these victims now live in Florida. Attorney General Moody sent a letter to Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, Sen. James E. Risch of Idaho, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas in strong support of the Cut Profits to the Cuban Regime Act. The CPCRA Act aims to end the human trafficking of Cuban health care professionals through the country's overseas medical missions program.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As Attorney General, one of my top priorities is ending human trafficking. While my efforts have included working with law enforcement to address forced sexual exploitation, human trafficking takes on many other forms, including forced and inhumane labor. Thousands of Cuban medical professionals are currently being sent overseas for their services with their pay going to benefit the communist Cuban government. We cannot stand idly by as this regime continues to abuse and exploit its citizens. We must act now to end this form of modern-day slavery orchestrated by the Cuban government." [Read More](#)

Attorney General Ashley Moody

NEWS ALERT



Members of the

Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking were joined on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons by the Attorney General Ashley Moody and survivor Savannah Parvu to appeal to all Floridians to join in the statewide effort to end human trafficking in Florida.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “On World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, I am asking all Floridians to consider ways to join us in the fight to end this atrocious crime in Florida—even if it is simply educating yourself about how to spot and report trafficking. Our annual Human Trafficking Summit is fast approaching and will be held virtually for the first time in its nine-year history. If you are interested in joining the fight to end human trafficking or in helping survivors heal and thrive, please join me and the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking at the Summit’s launch October 6—thousands have already signed up, but there is still room for you.” [Read More](#)

Events

This week, Attorney General Ashley Moody attended and spoke at the Florida Sheriffs Summer Awards Ceremony in Bonita Springs to congratulate deputies from across the state.



Attorney General Moody speaking with Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey about BCSO ambassador bloodhound and spokesdog Junny.



Attorney General Moody delivered a call-to-action video message on World Day Against Human Trafficking in Persons. The day is dedicated to raising awareness

about human trafficking and strengthening the security of our communities so that women, men and children are not subjected to the horrors of this grave crime against humanity. To view the video, click below.

