



RESOLUTION # 2024-30

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, DECLARING LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY IN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ON MAY 10, 2024 AND THE FRIDAY BEFORE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers bravely serve and protect our communities every day; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers are committed to protecting their communities, even in the face of personal risk to their own lives and safety; and

WHEREAS, the work that law enforcement officers do is critical to the safety and security of Miami-Dade County residents; and

WHEREAS, on a single deadliest year, 623 police officers were killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to specifically recognize and show appreciation for law enforcement in Miami-Dade County by declaring May 10, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) allows communities to express gratitude and admiration for the dedicated individuals who serve as guardians of our safety. It's a day to recognize the sacrifices, courage, and unwavering commitment of law enforcement officers who selflessly protect and uphold the principles of justice; and

WHEREAS, enforcement officers form an essential part of the backbone of our society, working diligently to maintain order and ensure the safety of citizens. The City Commission of the City of West Miami acknowledge the challenges they face and the risks they take to keep our streets secure. The symbolic "thin blue line" becomes a poignant reminder of their resilience and the fine balance they maintain between order and chaos; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami stands in solidarity with law enforcement, recognizing their vital role in creating safer communities when it comes to personal health and safety, substance abuse, and traffic safety. It is an opportune time for students and communities to express their appreciation through simple gestures, messages of thanks, or organized events. Let's take a moment to acknowledge their hard work, dedication, and the sacrifices they make daily; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day also presents an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges law enforcement officers face; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Appreciation Day serves as an inspiration for the next generation and can play a pivotal role in encouraging young minds to consider careers in law enforcement. Through mentorship programs, informational sessions, and career guidance, we can cultivate a sense of duty and responsibility among students, nurturing the potential future guardians of our communities; and

WHEREAS, On Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, honor the brave people who dedicate their lives to ensuring our safety. Law enforcement officers are shining pillars. We can build a safer future for our communities by acknowledging, supporting, and appreciating the protectors who stand on the front lines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "whereas" clauses and heading are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption thereof.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby declares May 10, 2024, as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in the City Of West Miami as well as the Friday before National Police Week in every year thereafter.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2024.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Milian Orbis, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>