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Florida Police Chiefs Association and Gov. Ron DeSantis Recognize National Police Week and "Paint the Town Blue"

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Association joined Governor Ron DeSantis today to announce plans to "Paint the Town Blue" in recognition of National Police Week from May 11 to May 17.

"On behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and more than 1,000 of Florida's top law enforcement executives from across every region of the state, we want to thank Governor DeSantis for his unwavering support for Florida's law enforcement," said FPCA president and Daytona Beach Shores Public Safety Department Director Stephan Dembinsky.

"National Police Week is a time to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives to safeguard the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and preserve law and order," said Dembinsky. "Since the inception of this event in 1963, nearly 25,000 police officers have lost their lives while protecting others."

"The Florida Police Chiefs Association is honored that Governor DeSantis will help "Paint The Town Blue" and illuminate the Old Capitol complex in blue lights for the entire week as a visible token of support for the dedicated service and courageous deeds of law enforcement officers, and the contributions they have made to the security and well-being of all people," said Dembinsky.

"Here in Florida, we're fortunate to have a high level of professionalism among the men and women who serve, and a Governor who has our back," said Dembinsky. "Despite that, attacks on law enforcement across the country are on the rise, and so we ask all Floridians to follow Governor DeSantis' lead and make an extra effort to join him by lighting your residences, businesses, and communities in blue during the week of May 11 to May 17."

"In Florida, we back the blue," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "While some states talk about defunding the police, we fund the police and then some because we respect the work they do to keep all of us safe. This week, we honor the men, women, and their families who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities."

About the Florida Police Chiefs Association

The Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA) is the nation's pre-eminent law enforcement professional association, speaking for more than 1,000 of Florida's top law enforcement executives, and providing guidance and leadership for the future of law enforcement and our communities. The FPCA serves municipal, airport, college and university, and tribal police departments, as well as private businesses and security firms and federal, state and county law enforcement agencies across every region of the state. For more information about the FPCA, please visit www.fpca.com.

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