

Draft BCC Resolution

Whereas Rick Staly has served in Florida law enforcement since 1975.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Flagler County has experienced a 50% crime reduction since 2017. An innovative program of deputies monitoring juveniles on probation ensures a 96% compliance rate preventing and reducing juvenile crime. 92% of residents of Palm Coast report feeling safe in their neighborhood in biennial surveys commissioned by the city. 86% of inmates who graduate from the FCSO's SMART program have not returned to jail.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office has become a 5-Diamond Accredited Agency holding five different national and statewide accreditations from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFLEA), Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC), National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC), National Institute of Ethics, and the Florida Telecommunications Accreditation Commission representing consistent adherence to best practices.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office has been recognized with a series of prestigious national, statewide, and regional awards for technology, victim's services, traffic safety, its inmate detention facility, K-9 Unit, and best places to work. For example, the National Sheriff's Association selected FCSO as the winner for their 2024 Crime Victim Services Award and in 2025, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office's Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility was chosen by the National Institute for Jail Operations to receive the 2025 Detention Facility Innovation Award. An independent panel of experts with the Daytona News-Journal has twice named the Flagler County Sheriff's Office one The Ten Best Places To Work in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, several members of the FCSO team have been singled out as the best statewide and nationally in their specific roles at the Sheriff's Office with awards from the Florida Sheriffs Association and the National Sheriffs' Association. For example, Communications Specialist Megan Burton was selected as the Florida Sheriffs Association 2024 Dispatcher of the Year. In addition, their professional peers across America and Florida have asked multiple members of the FCSO to lead their profession. For example, Real Time Crime Center Supervisor Nikki North was elected President of National Real Time Crime Center Association.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, community support is extraordinarily strong. In a county of 130,000 residents, 132,000 follow the FCSO's Facebook page demonstrating a high level of citizen engagement. Thousands of citizens call, email, and post to

express their gratitude and dozens of small businesses and families regularly bring by meals to share their appreciation with the FCSO team.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, employees of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office have donated tens of thousands of dollars to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches. Sheriff Rick Staly donated \$100,000 in leftover campaign funds to the Flagler Sheriff's Employees Assistance Trust which is a non-profit organization to help seriously injured deputies and their families and the families of deputies who are killed in the line of duty.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, the FCSO's Domestic Violence Initiative started by Sheriff Staly has produced a 15% decrease over six years in total domestic violence offenses from 570 in 2017 to 486 in 2022 despite adding over 30,000 new residents. Reports of domestic violence initially rose after this initiative began due to greater victim awareness, community outreach and engagement, and victim trust, confidence, and support. Over time, the new system has proven successful. In terms of real lives saved, and injuries, trauma, and harm avoided, there were 84 fewer victims from 2017 to 2021 and 95 fewer victims from 2021 to 2022. Along with its other services and support for victims of crime, this model program achieved nationwide recognition in 2024 by the National Sheriffs' Association with its Crime Victims Services Award.

WHEREAS under his leadership of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, \$1,502,513.92 in federal, state, and local grant funds were obtained by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office in FY 2024. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office saved taxpayers over \$1.1 Million in inmate health care costs. Trained volunteers in the national award-winning Citizen Observer Patrol worked 29,258 volunteer hours saving taxpayers over \$1.4 million in 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Flagler County Commission names the current Flagler County Sheriff's Office Operations Center the Sheriff Rick Staly Law Enforcement Center this day _____.