



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first observed in 2015, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day came about in the wake of the 2014 Ferguson, Missouri, officer-involved shooting of Michael Brown, at a time when there was much scrutinization of police officers and concerns about police brutality; and

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, also known as L.E.A.D., is observed on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 and Observants of the day spend it thanking police officers, wearing blue, and turning on blue lights at their homes; and

WHEREAS, there are over 900,000 law enforcement officers in the United States being honored on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.), showing that the community recognizes the difficulty of their job and supports them as they provide a public service; and

WHEREAS, the day is dedicated to all members of law enforcement, focusing on police and similar state and local agencies. It was started by Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), which partners with organizations across the country to make the day happen.

WHEREAS, the concepts of having a police force changed throughout history from being part-time, privately funded, or volunteer night watches but as night watches became less effective, the first full time, publicly funded police force in the country was formed in Boston in 1838; and

WHEREAS, by the late 1880s, all major cities had police forces to protect public order, which meant different things to different people. From that time to the present policing became progressively more standardized continuing its path of developing and maintaining professionalism.

NOW THEREFORE, The City Commission of the City of North Lauderdale supports observance of this day and encourages all citizens to thank your local police officers for their service and to continue to respect their profession.

MAYOR ANA M. ZIADE

Dated this 14th day of January, 2020