

**A RESOLUTION BY THE FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EXPRESSING RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Georgia, approved by the voters of the State in November 1982, and effective July 1, 1983, provides in Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph 1 thereof, that the governing authority of the County may adopt clearly reasonable ordinances, resolutions, and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, with more than 600 local law enforcement agencies in the state of Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County has the fourth-largest full-service Sheriff's Office in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners believes the role of law enforcement within our community is of profound importance;

**WHEREAS**, local, State, and federal law enforcement officers are integral to securing the public health, safety, and welfare;

**WHEREAS**, local, state, and federal law enforcement officers are instrumental in allowing citizens to maintain and enjoy their quality of life, prohibiting or diminishing instances of criminal activity, and otherwise maintaining a well-ordered society;

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement at all levels is fundamental to the protection of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers work tirelessly to establish positive relationships, endeavor to solve problems, enforce the rule of law, facilitate peaceful assemblies, and generally be of service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, there are times that law enforcement officers, in carrying out essential tasks,

put their lives at risk in unexpected ways, such as during the COVID-19 crisis, and yet continue to provide essential and necessary services in the face of unseen danger; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers courageously answer the communities' call for service and are ready and able to put their lives on the line for citizens twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers conduct these invaluable services while otherwise being subject to the US and Georgia constitutions and other laws regulating the means and methods of performing their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is grateful that in the United States, our law enforcement officers are subject to, and guided by, the rule of law;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that the vast majority of law enforcement officers are conscientious, civic-minded professionals, that strive for excellence in their service to the community

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Forsyth County hereby affirms its strong appreciation for, and support of, law enforcement at the local, State and federal level, and otherwise applauds their commitment to selfless service on behalf of Forsyth County, the State of Georgia, and our nation.

**BE IT RESOLVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

**FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**Laura Semanson, Chairman**




Cindy J. Mills, Vice Chairman



Molly Cooper, Secretary



Todd Levent, Member



Dennis T. Brown, Member

**Attest:**



Clerk to the Board