

Government Leaders Express 'Eternal Gratitude' for Law Enforcement During National Police Week

While much rhetoric around police brutality splashes across headlines, people across the country are ensuring those brave men and women are recognized as the valuable members of society they are. Without downplaying the severity of the issues, people across the country are taking this week to honor those risk their lives every day they go to work.

"In Florida, we stand behind our police officers who protect our freedoms and defend our society—putting themselves in harm's way to keep our people safe and our businesses secure," said Gov. Ron DeSantis. "This week we honor them for always responding to those in need."

*This week we honor Florida's police officers who risk their lives every day to keep us safe and protect our freedoms.
#BackTheBlue*

— Ron DeSantis (@GovRonDeSantis) May 9, 2021

Days prior to the celebration, the Florida governor signed the Combating Public Disorder Act and awarded all Florida first responders a \$1,000 bonus for their efforts during the pandemic.

Others are flocking to social media to share their love for law enforcement officers.

Elise Stefanik, a New York congresswoman, says she will always defend the police and "proudly #BacktheBlue."

This week is #NationalPoliceWeek.

Thank you to the police who quietly put their lives on the line every single day.

In NY, crime, violence, & looting skyrocketed last year. Yet Democrats want to defund the police.

I will always DEFEND the police and proudly #BackTheBlue

– Elise Stefanik (@EliseStefanik) May 10, 2021

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee concurred, highlighting his state's first responders compassion and courage.

The brave men and women of our law enforcement put their lives on the line every single day to protect our communities. Today and every day, we thank our law enforcement for serving Tennessee with compassion and courage. #NationalPoliceWeek

– Gov. Bill Lee (@GovBillLee) May 10, 2021

Congressman Lou Barletta of Pennsylvania says now more than ever, Americans must show their support for their law enforcement.

We need to support our men and women in law enforcement now more than ever. Our brave police officers sacrifice so much to keep us safe. We need to DEFEND our police – not DEFUND them! #NationalPoliceWeek

– Lou Barletta (@RepLouBarletta) May 10, 2021

Watch this video from Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, who offers stirring words to commemorate National Police Week:

"We know that not a single day nor a single week is enough to recognize your service and sacrifice," he told the Justice

Department.

While official in-person events such as the Annual Candlelight Vigil were pushed to October 2021, virtual celebrations are scheduled throughout the week. Find information on how you can honor those who protect here. {eo}

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