PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Tarpon Springs Police Officer Charles Kondek and Leon County Sheriff's Deputy Christopher Smith were recently killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, each loss of a law enforcement officer is heartbreaking, and losing two heroes in less than a month is a cry for peace and a signal to all Floridians to pray for our men and women in uniform who protect our communities each day; and

WHEREAS, Florida's First Responders include Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, and EMT's who bravely and selflessly risk their lives every day to protect Florida families, visitors, and businesses; and Florida's first responders do not hesitate to risk their own lives in order to save the lives of others, and their commitment to continued training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of every Florida community; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for First Responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day; and

WHEREAS, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, has officially proclaimed January 5-9, 2015 as "Florida First Responder Appreciation Week" and encouraged all Floridians to take time out of their day to show First Responders and their families how much we value their service to our cities, counties, and state. "Florida First Responders Appreciation Week" will be an opportunity for Florida's leaders at every level to demonstrate appreciation for all men and women who protect and serve our state as First Responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLES LACEY, Mayor of the City of Winter Springs, Florida do hereby Proclaim January 5 - 9, 2015 as

"FLORIDA FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION WEEK"

in the City of Winter Springs, Florida, and encourage residents to say, "Thank you," to the First Responders who keep them safe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Winter Springs to be affixed this 9th day of January 2015.

CHARLES LACEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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