

PROCLAMATION

**In Honor of Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr.
End of Watch: Thursday, November 21, 2024**

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow that the Village of Royal Palm Beach honors the memory of Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. who tragically lost his life in the line of duty while serving and protecting our community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. was a dedicated public servant who exemplified the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and courage, always putting the safety of others before his own; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. served with The Village of Royal Palm Beach Police Department for 8 years and then the Palm Beach Sheriff’s Office for 18 years, working tirelessly to uphold the law, protect citizens, and ensure the well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, the tragic loss of Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew and worked alongside him, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten by the community he served with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr.’s legacy of selflessness and service will continue to inspire future generations of law enforcement officers and citizens alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Hmara, Mayor of the Village of Royal Palm Beach, do hereby proclaim:

January 16, 2025 as Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. Day in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, in recognition of his ultimate sacrifice, and encourage all citizens to reflect on the dedication and service of law enforcement officers who protect and serve with courage and compassion.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage all citizens to join in expressing their gratitude to the law enforcement community for their tireless efforts in safeguarding our lives, and to support the family and loved ones of Deputy Sheriff Ralph “Butch” Waller Jr. during this difficult time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Royal Palm Beach to be affixed this 16th of January, 2025.

Mayor Jeff Hmara
Village of Royal Palm Beach

Diane DiSanto, Village Clerk