



CAROLINA CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Amidst the strife that befell the law enforcement community last year, National Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) initiated the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day as a show of support to the entire law enforcement across the United States.

Carolina Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) participated in the program in 2015 in a number of ways, such as survivors baking cookies for several sheriff's offices and police departments. Other survivors wrote notes of appreciation to departments and agencies in their region of South Carolina.

In 2016 Carolina C.O.P.S. is participating with a number of simple gestures throughout South Carolina. However, I would really appreciate if such recognition for our law enforcement community throughout our state would begin at the top—that is at our Governor's office!

It would mean so much for the law enforcement survivors in South Carolina to know that officers throughout our state are appreciated and admired for their selfless sacrifices in the discharge of their duties as enforcers of our State's laws.

I have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration to sign and proclaim that Saturday, January 9, 2016 be designated as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day recognized throughout our State. Perhaps the Speaker of the House and the Senate Leader could be present for the signing of this Proclamation.

Members of the Carolina C.O.P.S. Board are available to be present for the signing of this Proclamation if you so wish. Please let me know if I may be of any assistance for this or any related issue regarding Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. My number is 803.285.6437 or 803.320.2252.

Best regards,

Lois Rao, President
Surviving Mother of
SCHP Senior Trooper Michael J. Rao
End of Watch June 12, 2002

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