



PALM COAST ELKS LODGE #2709, INC

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Flagler County Board Of County Commissioners Proclaim Sept 5th to 11th Patriotism Week

PALM COAST, FL – On September 7th the Flagler County Board Of County Commissioners declared September 5th to 11th National Patriotism Week.



Pictured back row from left to right Commissioner Nate McLaughlin, Commissioner Barbara Revels, and Commissioner George Hanns. Front row from left to right Secretary Jeannie Fontana, Trustee Mark Fontana, First Vice President Ralph Dodge (Leading Knight), Carolyn Jekabsons, Tiler Andy Jekabsons, President Vincent Gough (Exalted Ruler), and Treasurer Jonathon Convery.

The Flagler County Board Of County Commissioners proclaimed:

Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, through its Constitution, is a Patriotic Order, and;

Whereas, The Order promotes the ideals that the citizens of this nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifices and many tribulations which have provided the foundation for a free, prosperous and independent life, and;

Whereas, We realize that each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties enjoyed may vanish, and;

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to recognize this freedom and to honor the nation, which provides it, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that they hereby declare September 5-11, 2016 as "**National Patriotism Week**" in Flagler County, and urge the residents of Flagler County during this event to join with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in expressing gratitude for the privilege of American Citizenship with appropriate celebrations and observances.

The Elks believe that patriotism is contagious, and we can proudly but very simply demonstrate to all; our fortitude, our base belief, and our resolve for the American way of life by correctly flying the flag of the United

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States of America. The Elks have adopted the flag of our country as the symbol of charity, one of the cornerstones of the Elks philanthropic philosophy.

While other organizations may focus on a single goal, the Order of Elks is dedicated to a total "Community Focus." Elks are committed to our youth, patriotism, drug awareness, Veterans, the disadvantaged and those with special needs. Elks believe in charity to all mankind, and contribute regularly to our schools, fire departments, police, hospice care, disaster relief, hospitals, and many other charitable, non-profit and civic causes. As we donate our time, talent and resources to our Communities, we are noticeably improving the lives and increasing the opportunities for those we serve. Elks believe when you touch one life, you will never know how many lives are touched from you.

On Sunday September 11th the Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the September 11th 2001 attacks on our Country. The ceremony begins at 9:45 AM Sunday September 11, 2016 and is open to the public. The ceremony will be held at the 9-11 Memorial Monument located in front of the Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709. The ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes. Food and refreshments will be available after the ceremony for a \$5.00 donation.

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