

As elected law enforcement officers, we must uphold our oaths of office and protect the legal residents of our jurisdictions. While we are committed to upholding the law and maintaining public safety, the federal government has failed in its responsibilities to secure our nation's borders. During the 2022 Fiscal Year, encounters at the Southwest Border hit record numbers, and encounters in Fiscal Year 2023 are nearly twenty percent higher than in 2022. The consequences of the federal government's abdication are being felt across the nation. Cartels and gang members are bringing record levels of

fentanyl and other drugs into our communities as our officers work around the clock to battle these criminal institutions. As Sheriffs, we are thankful that Florida has recognized the crisis at our border and we are partnering with the Sunshine State to bring law and order back to our streets.

Under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida has recognized how the porous border has had far-reaching impacts and has stepped in to support public safety. This includes creating a nation-leading human smuggling and drug trafficking strike force in partnership with local sheriffs, lending physical support by deploying members of their national guard, highway patrol and state law enforcement to the border, and enacting a program to voluntarily transport illegal immigrants to so-called sanctuary jurisdictions across the United States. It is unfortunate that the federal government has effectively abandoned border states and forced states like Florida to deal with this burden on their own. We can no longer sit by and watch our nation become overrun by gang activity and drug-related violence.

While we have been urging the federal government to step up their efforts to secure our border, or at the very least help us deal with the impacts of the border crisis, these pleas have fallen on the deaf ears of an administration that is purposefully unwilling to enforce our nation's immigration laws. The undersigned Sheriffs join together to partner with Governor DeSantis and the state of Florida to preserve the safety and well-being of the citizens we serve.

We call on other law enforcement agencies to do the same.

Signed,

Sheriff Robert D. Schultz, III, *Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Bill Leeper, *Nassau County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Michael J. Chitwood, *Volusia County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Gordon Smith, *Bradford County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff David Harper, *Madison County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Robert A. Hardwick, *St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff A.J. "Tony" Smith, *Franklin County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Bill Prummell, *Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Brian N. Lamb, *Lafayette County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



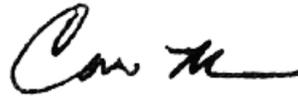
Sheriff Paul Blackman, *Highlands County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Al Nienhuis, *Hernando County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Carmine Marceno, *Lee County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Vent Crawford, *Hardee County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff T.K. Waters, *Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff William D. Snyder, *Martin County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Peyton C. Grinnell, *Lake County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Michelle Cook, Clay County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Kevin Crews, Washington
County Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County
Sheriff's Office (California)



Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Collier County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Allen Cooper, Fremont County
Sheriff's Office (Colorado)



Sheriff Gene R. Lillard, Montrose
County Sheriff's Office (Colorado)



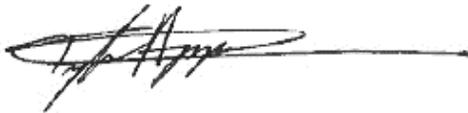
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Sheriff's Office (Tennessee)



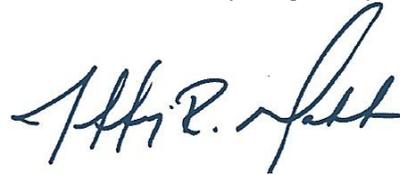
Sheriff Wayne Strawn, II, Marshall
County Sheriff's Office (Illinois)



Sheriff Tyler Appel, Roberts County
Sheriff's Office (South Dakota)



Sheriff Jeff Gahler, Harford County
Sheriff's Office (Maryland)



Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt, Dodge County
Sheriff's Office (Wisconsin)



Sheriff Jeff Bullard, Jefferson County
Sheriff's Office (Illinois)



Sheriff Richard Watson, *St. Clair County Sheriff's Office (Illinois)*



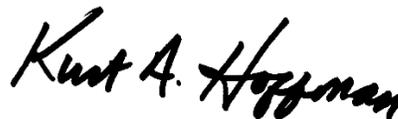
Sheriff John W. Hanlin, *Douglas County Sheriff's Office (Oregon)*



Sheriff Chris Nocco, *Pasco County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Kurt Hoffman, *Sarasota County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



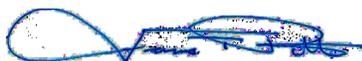
Sheriff Wayne Ivey, *Brevard County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht, *Berks County Sheriff's Office (Pennsylvania)*



Sheriff James F. Potter, *DeSoto County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Craig S. DuMond, *Delaware County Sheriff's Office (New York)*



Sheriff Gary Bettencourt, *Gilliam County Sheriff's Office (Oregon)*



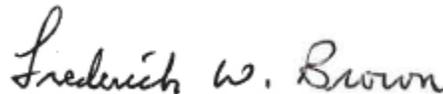
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Sheriff Clinton "C.J." Walters, *Bradford County Sheriff's Office (Pennsylvania)*



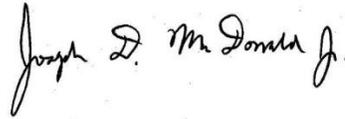
Sheriff Frederick W. Brown, *Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office (New Jersey)*



Sheriff Craig Mast, Oceana County
Sheriff's Office (Michigan)



Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald, Jr.,
Plymouth County Sheriff's Office
(Massachusetts)



Sheriff Jeff Grey, Mercer County
Sheriff's Office (Ohio)



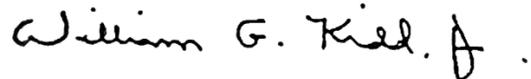
Sheriff Kevin Pals, Cerro Gordo County
Sheriff's Office (Iowa)



Sheriff Steve Swenson, Lincoln County
Sheriff's Office (South Dakota)



Sheriff William G. "Billy" Kidd, Jr.,
Buckingham County Sheriff's Office
(Virginia)



Sheriff Grady Judd, Polk County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Chris Brown, Cleburne County
Sheriff's Office (Arkansas)



Sheriff Rick Wells, Manatee County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Ken J. Mascara, St. Lucie
County Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Tommy Ford, Bay County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff L. Paul Bailey, Berrien County
Sheriff's Office (Michigan)



Sheriff Wesley Holt, *Greene County Sheriff's Department (Tennessee)*



Sheriff Darby Butler, *Dixie County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff David Black, *Otero County Sheriff's Office (New Mexico)*



Sheriff Joey Terrell, *Habersham County Sheriff's Office (Georgia)*



Sheriff Neil Gross, *Shelby County Sheriff's Office (Iowa)*



Sheriff David Clouse, *Navajo County Sheriff's Office (Arizona)*



Sheriff Mark Dannels, *Cochise County Sheriff's Office (Arizona)*



Sheriff Mark Garton, *Polk County Sheriff's Office (Oregon)*



Sheriff Michael J. Murphy, *Livingston County Sheriff's Office (Michigan)*



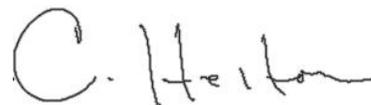
Sheriff Zachary L. Schroeder, *Divide County Sheriff's Office (North Dakota)*



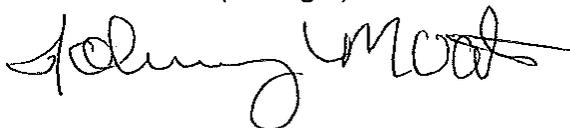
Sheriff D. Keith Davis, *Wayne County Sheriff's Office (Iowa)*



Sheriff Corey Helton, *Lea County Sheriff's Office (New Mexico)*



Sheriff Johnny Moats, *Polk County Sheriff's Office (Georgia)*



Sheriff Daniel Coverley, Douglas County
Sheriff's Office (Nevada)



Sheriff Thaddeus "Thad" Cleveland,
Terrell County Sheriff's Office (Texas)



Sheriff Todd Hood, Madison County
Sheriff's Office (New York)



Sheriff James B. "Jim" Reed, Bureau
County Sheriff's Office (Illinois)



Sheriff Frank Levindoski, Tioga County
Sheriff's Office (Pennsylvania)



Sheriff Donny Youngblood, Kern County
Sheriff's Office (California)



Sheriff Rick Staly, Flagler County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)



Sheriff Joe McGill, Nye County Sheriff's
Office (Nevada)



Sheriff Larry Kendrick, Owyhee County
Sheriff's Office (Idaho)



Sheriff Bob Nolan, Cape May County
Sheriff's Office (New Jersey)



Sheriff Neal Rohlfing, Monroe County
Sheriff's Department (Illinois)



Sheriff Michael R. "Mike" Kile, Screven
County Sheriff's Office (Georgia)



Sheriff Alan W. Cutler, Pender County
Sheriff's Office (North Carolina)



Sheriff Tom J. Kleinhelter, *Dubois County Sheriff's Office (Indiana)*



Sheriff Jared F. Miller, *Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Michael A. Lewis, *Wicomico County Sheriff's Office (Maryland)*



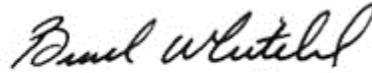
Sheriff Donald L. Edenfield, *Jackson County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*



Sheriff Micah C. Harmon, *Lavaca County Sheriff's Office (Texas)*



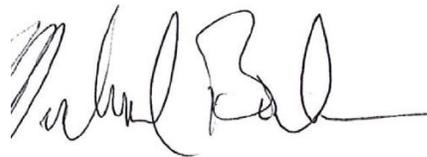
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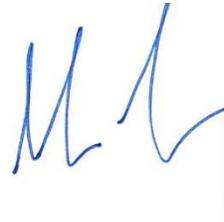
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Sheriff Michael C. Bonham, *Osage County Sheriff's Office (Missouri)*



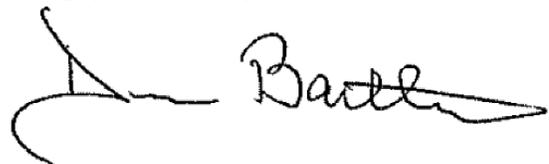
Sheriff Robert S. Leahy, *Clermont County Sheriff's Office (Ohio)*



Sheriff René King, *Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (Idaho)*



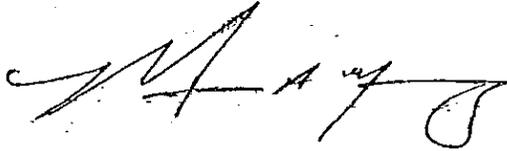
Sheriff Dennis Banther, *Kingfisher County (Oklahoma)*



Sheriff Buddy Money, *Liberty County
Sheriff's Office (Florida)*

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Sheriff Morris A. Young, *Gadsden
County Sheriff's Office (Florida)*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris A. Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.