



DeKalb County Government
Proclamation
P2021-03
- ROGER A. SCOTT DAY -



WHEREAS, Roger A. Scott has spent his adult life serving others; his country, his community and his family, and

WHEREAS, Roger Scott began his public service in 1965 serving his country in the United States Air Force, where he served for four years before being honorably discharged in 1969 with the rank of Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, he started his decorated law enforcement career with DeKalb County in 1969 as a radio operator and jailor and served the next seventeen years in a variety of different positions and ranks, and

WHEREAS, the same year he married Marcia, his wife of over fifty-two years, and

WHEREAS, Roger was appointed Sheriff in 1985 and was elected to his first term in 1986, and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Sheriff's Office have provided a full range of exemplary law enforcement service to DeKalb County citizens and have achieved numerous notable accomplishments under Sheriff's Scott's leadership, and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments include the investigation and clearance of a high percentage of criminal cases and a history of quality traffic enforcement and investigation, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Scott has been an active participant in the advancement of law enforcement serving as President of the Illinois Sheriff's Association, as a founding member of the DeKalb County Major Crime Unit and a Member of the 911 Steering Committee, and

WHEREAS, under his leadership many programs, both internally and with other agencies and communities were implemented including the squad car deployment program, contractual policing agreements with Kishwaukee College and the Village of Shabbona, the Sheriff's Combined Communication Center, the establishment of a Domestic Violence Unit, the creation of the Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy, and the implementation of a body worn camera program, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Scott improved the corrections functions by introducing an in-house medical program, privatization of food service and overseeing the jail expansion, and

WHEREAS, his distinguished career has been recognized with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Training, the National Sheriff's Association Presidential Award for distinguished service and recognition by the DeKalb County Board for 50 years of service, and

WHEREAS, while Sheriff Scott has dedicated a significant portion of his life to DeKalb County and law enforcement, positively affecting countless lives and careers, his most significant impact may be in what he has done for his community and family when he is not in uniform, and

WHEREAS, together Roger and Marcia have raised three biological children, have been foster parents for approximately forty children, and adopted seven, and

WHEREAS, Roger and his family are proud active members of the Waterman Bible Church, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Scott's career has been shaped by his favorite quote "It's An Honor to Serve", from POW Jeremiah Denton, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Roger Scott has served honorably and will retire on June 23, 2021, after over 52 years of commendable, dedicated and faithful service to the DeKalb County Government, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of DeKalb County, and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board does wish to reflect and memorialize Sheriff Scott's service to DeKalb County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Wednesday, June 23, 2021, the date of Roger Scott's retirement, be declared "Roger A. Scott Day" throughout DeKalb County.

Given at Sycamore, Illinois, this 16th Day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:


Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk


John Frieders, Chairman
DeKalb County Board

