

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

AFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATING THAT PORTION OF STATE ROAD 438 BETWEEN JOHN YOUNG PARKWAY AND PINE HILLS ROAD IN ORANGE COUNTY AS THE "LIEUTENANT DEBRA CLAYTON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY," AND THAT PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 431/PINE HILLS ROAD BETWEEN SILVER STAR ROAD AND STATE ROAD 50 AS "DEPUTY FIRST CLASS NORMAN LEWIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY," AND FOR THE ERECTION BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF SUITABLE MARKERS PROCLAIMING THOSE DESIGNATIONS.

Resolution No. 2017- M-26

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Debra Clayton joined the Orlando Police Department in 1999, and for the next 17 years gave of herself on the job and off, leading efforts in churches and community events, consistently trying to bridge the gap between the community and local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Debra Clayton was a beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister and will be truly missed by her family, her brothers and sisters of law enforcement, and our community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy First Class Norman Lewis was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff's Office in 2005, and was subsequently promoted to the elite Motorcycle/DUI unit; and

WHEREAS, Deputy First Class Norman Lewis was known as a beloved "gentle giant" who will always be remembered for his infectious smile, easy laugh, positive attitude, strong work ethic and passion for helping others, and will be greatly missed by his family, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement professionals everywhere and our community; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2017, Lieutenant Debra Clayton succumbed to injuries she received after being shot multiple times by a wanted fugitive while trying to detain him in an effort to make our community safer; and

WHEREAS, also on January 9, 2017, Deputy First Class Norman Lewis, while responding to the call for help in searching for the dangerous suspect who had fled the scene of the shooting death of Lieutenant Debra Clayton, was killed when a vehicle turned into the path of his motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the State Legislature enacted a bill directing the Florida Department of Transportation to erect markers on portions of roads in Orange County that honor Lieutenant Debra Clayton and Deputy First Class Norman Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Section 334.071, Florida Statutes, provides that the installation of such designation signs shall be contingent on the applicable city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary road designation; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners desires to join the State of Florida in honoring the lives, service, courage and sacrifices of Lieutenant Debra Clayton and Deputy First Class Norman Lewis in this worthy manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the designation of that portion of State Road 438 between John Young Parkway and Pine Hills Road in Orange County as "Lieutenant Debra Clayton Memorial Highway," and the erection of suitable markers proclaiming this honorary designation.

Section 2. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the designation of that portion of County Road 431/Pine Hills Road between Silver Star Road and State Road 50 in Orange County as "Deputy First Class Norman Lewis Memorial Highway," and the erection of suitable markers proclaiming this honorary designation.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2017.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Teresa Jacobs*
Teresa Jacobs, Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *Katie Smith*
Deputy Clerk