

# City of Sanibel

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** In 1993, the Lee County Bar Association created an award ceremony to show appreciation for the commitment from our local law enforcement, teachers, and citizens who promote the idea of “equality and justice under the law”; and

**WHEREAS:** Historically, in 1949 the Lee County Bar Association was formed as a voluntary organization of attorneys living and working in Lee County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lee County Bar Association serves the citizens and legal community by offering free legal clinics, and strives to help our residents by providing a lawyer referral service and offering local support; and

**WHEREAS:** Lee County Bar Association celebrates Law Week to recognize “Voices of Democracy” by educating our community through these special events to emphasize the importance of law through freedom of speech; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lee County Bar Association celebrates Law Week as an extension of Law Day which was May 1<sup>st</sup>. Celebrations included an annual awards luncheon in which the local Law Enforcement Agencies acknowledged their “Officer of the Year”; and

**WHEREAS:** On May 1, 2026, Sanibel Police Officer Cristopher Chiappy was recognized as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for his service and heroism in the line of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby celebrate Professional Law Week with the Lee County Bar Association, and further extend appreciation to our local law enforcement, Officer Cristopher Chiappy, Sanibel Law Enforcement Officer, and to all Law Enforcement Officers for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

*WITNESS WHEREOF, We, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.*

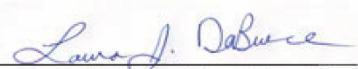
This 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026



Mike Miller, Mayor



John Henshaw, Vice Mayor



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Richard Johnson, Councilmember



Holly D. Smith, Councilmember