

State Of Florida

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Champlain Towers Condominium Collapse in Surfside was one of the worst disasters in Florida history and the third largest building failure in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of Urban Search & Rescue Teams put their lives at risk, left their families, and poured their hearts and souls into this mission; and

WHEREAS, these men and women faced grueling 12-hour shifts, with only forty-five-minute breaks where they left the site to check their pulse and oxygen levels and then went back to work; and

WHEREAS, over 800 members from state and federal task forces worked the Surfside mission, with nearly 400 Florida Urban Search & Rescue members working on site, this was the largest non-hurricane deployment in Florida's history; and

WHEREAS, these men and women worked for twenty-nine days straight in the worst conditions imaginable, facing tremendous risks such as falling debris, fires, rain, and tropical storm winds; and

WHEREAS, these first responders' hands and feet were covered in blisters and cuts, but they selflessly continued to work through their personal pain in order to provide some type of closure to the families anxiously waiting on updates about their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Urban Search & Rescue Teams combed through approximately 1,300 tons of rubble at the Champlain Towers, with more than 130 debris removal trucks carrying away over 2,000 cubic yards of debris; and

WHEREAS, the brave members of the Urban Search & Rescue Teams have completed their mission, but they will continue to need support to cope with the trauma they have experienced as they carry the burden of the horrific memory of this mission with them for a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, we owe all the Urban Search & Rescue team members who responded to the call a deep debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice, and proudly recognize their noble heroic efforts in this devastating mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida recognize the following Urban Search and Rescue Teams

FL-1 Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
FL-2 City of Miami Fire Department
FL-3 Hillsborough County fire Rescue
FL-4 Central Florida US&R
FL-5 Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department
FL-6 Southwest Florida US&R
FL-7 Tallahassee Fire Department

FL-8 Marion County Fire Rescue
VA-TF2 Virginia Beach Fire Department
OH-TF1 Dayton Fire Department
PA-TF1 Philadelphia Fire Department
IN-TF1 City of Indianapolis Department
of Public Safety
NJ-TF1 New Jersey State Police

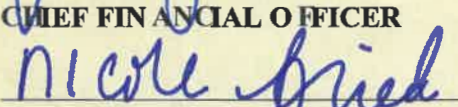
and praises them for their unwavering service and commitment to the search and rescue efforts following the Champlain Towers Condominium Collapse in Surfside.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and the Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on this 21st day of September 2021.


RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR


ASHLEY MOODY
ATTORNEY GENERAL


JIMMY PATRONIS
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER


NICOLE FRIED
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE