

## Resolution No. 2021-2952

**A Resolution by the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida honoring Law Day as May 1, 2021 and the Law Day theme of “Advancing the Rule of Law Now” and providing for an effective date.**

**Whereas**, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation’s and State’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law which has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958; and

**Whereas**, the United States Congress in 1961 enacted the presidential practice into law by statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day; and

**Whereas**, in the United States and around the world, freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society and free speech and free press continue to be prominent topics in public discourse; and

**Whereas**, the American Bar Association has identified the 2021 Law Day theme as “Advancing the Rule of Law Now” and that theme focuses on the rule of law which is the bedrock of American rights and liberties—in times of calm and unrest alike – which theme reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice; and

**Whereas**, it is impossible to imagine a free society without adherence to the rule of law and the United States has been the quintessential example of fair and just legal systems throughout history and a beacon of light for the world as the citizens of the United States strive to create a “more perfect union”; and

**Whereas**, our Nation’s adherence to time-honored legal principles has become one of the world’s most enduring lights upon a hill of liberty under law and the legal

freedoms of individuals and the adherence to the rule of law continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle for democratic rights; and

**Whereas**, promoting public understanding the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States, the State of Florida and the City of Sanford.

**Now, therefore, be it adopted and resolved by the City Commission of the City of Sanford, Florida as follows:**


**Section 1. Law Day 2021.** The City Commission of the City Sanford hereby declares that May 1, 2021 shall be "Law Day" within the City and urges all of its citizens to commit themselves to honoring our Nation's traditions and the rule of law.

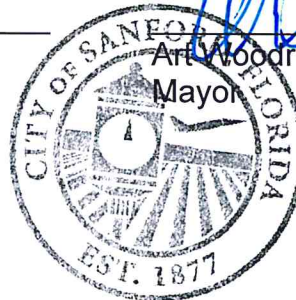
**Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**Passed and adopted this** 26th day of April, 2021.

*Attest:*

**City Commission of the City of  
Sanford, Florida**

  
Traci Houchin, MMC, FCRM  
City Clerk



  
Art Woodruff  
Mayor

For use and reliance of the Sanford  
City Commission only.  
Approved as to form and legality.

  
William L. Colbert, City Attorney



**CITY COMMISSION MEMORANDUM 21-112**  
**APRIL 26, 2021 AGENDA**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**PREPARED BY:** Lonnie N. Groot, Assistant City Attorney  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Norton N. Bonaparte Jr., ICMA-CM, City Manager,  
**SUBJECT:** Law Day Resolution

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

- Unify Downtown & the Waterfront
- Promote the City’s Distinct Culture
- Update Regulatory Framework
- Redevelop and Revitalize Disadvantaged Communities

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approval of Resolution No. 2952, commemorating Law Day 2021 is requested.

**FISCAL/STAFFING STATEMENT:**

There are no fiscal impacts resulting from this action.

**BACKGROUND:**

Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation’s and State’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law which has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958. The United States Congress soon after, in 1961, enacted the presidential practice into law by statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day.

The American Bar Association has identified the 2021 Law Day theme as “Advancing the Rule of Law Now” and that theme focuses on the rule of law which is the bedrock of American rights and liberties - in times of calm and unrest alike - which theme reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty and pursue justice.

It is impossible to imagine a free society without adherence to the rule of law and the United States has been the quintessential example of fair and just legal systems throughout history and a beacon of light for the world as the citizens of the United States strive to create a “more perfect union”. Our Nation’s adherence to time-honored legal principles has become one of the world’s most enduring lights upon a hill of liberty under law and the legal freedoms of individuals and the adherence to the rule of law continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle for democratic rights.

Promoting public understanding the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States, the State of Florida and the City of Sanford.

By proclaiming May 1, 2021 as Law Day in the City, the City Commission will show its devotion to the rule of law and encourage adherence to law within the City and among its citizens.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The Assistant City Attorney has prepared the proposed resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Commission adopt Resolution No. 2952.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

“I move to approve the Resolution No. 2952 commemorating Law Day.”

Attachment: Proposed Resolution.