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DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2020

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SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2020

I am pleased to acknowledge the selection of **Deputy Sheriff Ryan Foster and Clerks Daniel Pelescak, Natalie Scassera and Tylar Shoemaker** as Employees of the Month for November 2020.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has brought forth sweeping changes to operations across court and public systems, the Firearms Division has shouldered extensive burden to remain functioning under current, unyielding conditions. The public health emergency, coupled with an unprecedented increase to firearm permit applicants, has required division personnel to work persistently to keep pace with public demand.

Since the onset of the coronavirus, and over the last eight months, Deputy Foster and Clerks Pelescak, Scassera and Shoemaker have performed remarkably, demonstrating that the Sheriff's Office is both capable and efficient in serving residents during fraught times of uncertainty. When stay at home orders were extended across the state, our agency continued issuing firearms licenses by the dedication of these employees, who placed their duties above personal concern. These members have worked numerous consecutive days, outside their regular shifts, to ensure our agency remains responsive to residents seeking to obtain or renew their License to Carry Concealed firearms permits. During the month of October and to date, Firearms Division personnel have issued a record-high 4,452 licenses to carry.

The strain of working in such a fast-moving operation is only compounded by the rigorous health and sanitization guidelines personnel must consistently follow in order to provide for their wellbeing, as well as, the safety of all citizens visiting the Firearms Division. During this critical time, Deputy Foster and Clerks Pelescak, Scassera and Shoemaker have represented great dedication and selflessness. In honor of their efforts, each employee will be granted one day off work, as long as no overtime is incurred.