



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JIMMY PATRONIS
STATE OF FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, first responders do not hesitate to risk their lives in order to ensure members of their community can live in a safe environment and receive the emergency assistance they need in unfortunate times of tragedy; and

WHEREAS, our firefighters alone are attempting suicide at a rate five time higher than the general population. First responders as a whole are attempting suicide at a rate more than ten times higher than the general population; and

WHEREAS, Graham Media Group WKMG-TV shined a light on this critical issue with a series of in-depth investigative reports featuring first responders diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and providing a platform for first responders to have PTSD recognized as a medical injury. Which as a result sent a critical message to policymakers and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2018 Governor Rick Scott signed the Worker's Compensation Benefits First Responders Act into law and indicated WKMG-TV's reporting as instrumental in the passage and signing of the new law; and

WHEREAS, Graham Media Group WKMG-TV showed its deeply rooted commitment to public service and epitomizes a broadcaster's devotion to positively impacting their community and creating a lasting difference; and

WHEREAS, the Celebration of Service to America awards are presented to local stations for more than their role as news and entertainment providers, but as outstanding broadcasters in recognition of exemplary public and community service.

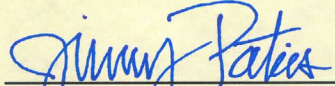
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshall of the State of Florida does hereby commend the outstanding accomplishments of

GRAHAM MEDIA GROUP WKMG-TV

and congratulate them for being selected by the National Association of Broadcasters Leadership Foundation for the 2019 Service to Community Award for Television – Large Market at their Celebration of Service dinner in Washington, D.C., on June 11, 2019.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 11th day of July, 2019.





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STATE FIRE MARSHALL