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ON LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

I want to join with Governor Scott and all other citizens of North Carolina in paying tribute to our law enforcement officers. They are to be commended for their outstanding service and the many contributions they are making in our cities and counties. Certainly, North Carolina is a better and a safer state because of their efforts.

Law and justice, is not only a responsibility of law enforcement. Police officers and sheriff's deputies are sworn to uphold the law. In so doing, they serve all the people. It is incumbent upon all the people, in turn, to support law enforcement and to see that officers have the resources they need in doing their job.

In the last year, I have traveled across North Carolina, visiting with civic, religious, and governmental groups. Everywhere people are concerned about

the increasing crime rates. They want to see the law administered fairly and they want it obeyed by all. They want to be sure that safety and security are enjoyed by all.

They realize that the problems of crime prevention and the providing of more effective law enforcement require the efforts, not only of government, but also of private citizens. The people are supporting efforts to improve the quality of justice and of law enforcement. And, progress is being made as is evidenced by the development of the State Bureau of Investigation and other enforcement agencies in recent months.

During this National Crime Prevention Week, I urge you to look again at law enforcement within your community and your county. I believe you will be pleased at the job being done by officers. I urge you to join with me in expressing appreciation for the work they are doing and in pledging anew to see that law enforcement has the resources it needs to better serve us all.