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Media Release

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Re: National Coffee with a Cop Day

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Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, is the second annual National Coffee with a Cop Day. Around the country, law enforcement agencies, businesses, and organizations are hosting relaxed, informal get-togethers letting citizens talk about issues they feel are important. Coffee with a Cop sessions are full of inquisitive individuals on both sides of the table, and everyone is building relationships, one cup at a time.

Coffee with a Cop's casual conversations help put real faces and personalities on each side, bring concerns to the table, and create better understanding of all involved. The aim is to provide everyone with a voice, enhance cultural awareness, and strengthen understanding.

According to an October 2016 survey by My90 following the first National Coffee with a Cop Day, 70 percent of Coffee with a Cop attendees reported a strong improvement in their feelings toward police after the events...even when they already had positive views of police coming in.

Participation in the inaugural National Coffee with a Cop Day was strong, but the goal is to keep growing and developing relationships. Nearly 600 events went on during 2016, and Coffee with a Cop's goal for 2017 is to bring the number up to 800, providing opportunities for many more community members to engage.

Members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Command staff will be on hand to speak with citizens at the McDonalds, located at 11055 Spring Hill Drive in Spring Hill, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m, on October 4. We hope to see you there.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace

throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.