



Fraternal Order of Police

FLORIDA STATE LODGE



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Florida State Lodge announces our Republican Primary Endorsement of Bill McCollum for Governor

November 12, 2009

The Honorable Bill McCollum
Attorney General
P.O. Box 10829
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Attorney General McCollum;

I take personal privilege in announcing the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police endorsement of your campaign for the Republican Primary race for Governor of our great state.

We recognize and thank you for your dedicated service to our country in the U.S. Navy JAG Corp and as a leader for Florida in the United States Congress. Florida citizens are proud of the honor and integrity you bring. As Florida's Attorney General, the Fraternal Order of Police has seen firsthand the commitment you have for the law enforcement community, the justice system and the safety of our communities. Innovative programs have been developed and implemented by your office to address gang violence and crime. Those who would prey upon our children through the internet have been met by your fight against child pornography and child predators.

We have seen your willingness to roll up your sleeves and get to work on real problems with a solid work ethic, and strong desire to get the job done. As Governor, we would expect you to continue this same strong dedication, remarkable leadership and these principles to lead our state, making the tough decisions required of the office. Our state deserves no less.

Your record of public service to the citizens of Florida has prepared you for this position. The Fraternal Order of Police is actively engaged in the legislative arena and we have enjoyed working with you as Attorney General. I thank you for meeting with our membership to discuss your vision and goals as Florida's Governor.

The name of the Fraternal Order of Police carries significant value and weight when offered as a political endorsement. Our endorsement must be earned. You have met our expectations with your record of service to Florida.

Therefore, the Florida State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police representing 20,000 law enforcement officers in Florida proudly offers our primary endorsement and good name to your campaign for Florida's Governor.

We wish you the best of luck in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

James W. Preston, President
Florida State Lodge