



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, New York State's firefighters exemplify the ideals of courage and honor as public servants who confront life-threatening dangers and emergency situations daily, and do so at great risk to their own personal safety, in the effort to protect our communities and residents from the devastating effects of fire; and

Whereas, there are tens of thousands of individuals throughout New York State engaged in career and volunteer capacities of fire service; they fulfill a vital public need that gives all New Yorkers a greater sense of security knowing these heroic individuals are prepared to put their lives on the line to battle fires, save lives, and mitigate destruction of property and infrastructure across the state; and

Whereas, we recognize that in today's environment impacted by climate change, the work of firefighters has become more demanding than ever, with an increase in the number of service calls in part due to outbreaks of wildfires and the threat of radiological, biological, and toxic contaminants; without trepidation, New York State's firefighters stand ready and prepared to confront whatever challenges they might have to face at any given moment; and

Whereas, each October, the New York State Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Albany is the site of a poignant ceremony held in appreciation of our entire statewide community of firefighters and in solemn tribute to the sacrifices made in the name of public safety, as we honor those who died in the line of duty; and

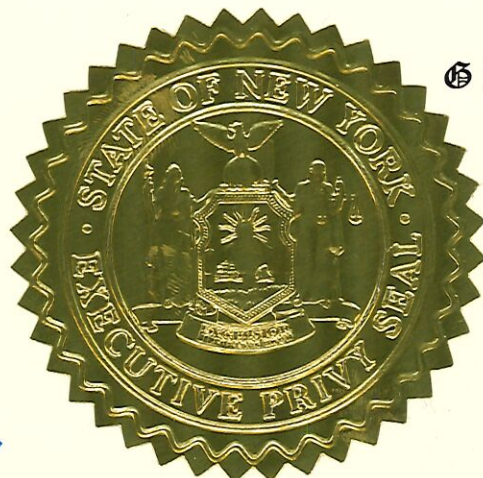
Whereas, this year, 29 fallen firefighters will be memorialized at this meaningful event, and State officials will present their families with a flag and engrave their names on the memorial wall; and

Whereas, we mourn these losses and extend our deepest sympathies to the families, loved ones, friends, and colleagues of those souls who were lost, and we share our sincerest gratitude in acknowledging the daily heroism shown by firefighters from across the state, remaining ever respectful of the courageous people who proudly wear the uniform of our state's firefighting community each day;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2023 as

## FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this tenth day of  
October in the year two thousand twenty-three.

*Kathy Hochul*  
Governor

*Karen Persichilli Keogh*

Secretary to the Governor  
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