



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the many proud men and women who serve communities across New York State as career or volunteer firefighters perform a vital public service and are recognized as heroes who exemplify true valor and selflessness; and

Whereas, all people in the Empire State benefit from the noble efforts of highly-trained firefighters, and each time they answer the call to fight a fire, we can have a greater sense of security in knowing that these men and women are prepared to battle blazes, large and small, and help mitigate the severity of destruction; and

Whereas, facing immeasurable risks every time they respond to fires and other emergencies, firefighters demonstrate the highest degree of selflessness and concern for their fellow citizens, always ready and willing to serve their communities; and

Whereas, this state's firefighters are committed to the highest standards of professionalism maintained through frequent training, exercises, and education courses; and

Whereas, firefighting is increasingly challenging and complex as new concerns and issues are addressed, including the threat of radiological, biological or toxic contaminants; and

Whereas, the New York State Fallen Firefighters Memorial stands as our commitment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep people and communities safe through their firefighting efforts and, each October, we commemorate the firefighters who have died in the line of duty with a special ceremony at which the names of those who were lost in the past year are added to this inspiring monument; and

Whereas, this occasion also provides the opportunity to acknowledge and thank our statewide community of firefighters for their daily heroism, as all New Yorkers join in expressing sincere gratitude to the remarkable men and women who proudly wear the firefighter's uniform;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2015 as

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



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under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day
of October in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor