



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, each day, the proud men and women who serve as firefighters in communities across our state and this nation stand prepared to combat fires and respond to other emergency situations, and they truly define what it means to be a “hero” through their immense courage, selfless acts, and honorable character; and

Whereas, New York State’s firefighters are among the most highly-skilled and well-trained responder forces in this nation and throughout the world, and we admire their remarkable levels of proficiency and expertise; and

Whereas, with a strong sense of compassion and concern for their fellow human beings, firefighters put the needs of those in danger before their own, often risking life and limb to safeguard and protect us all; and

Whereas, firefighting requires both aptitude and bravery, making it one of the most physically, mentally, and emotionally challenging jobs, yet it also is one of the most noble and respected professions that a person can choose to enter; and

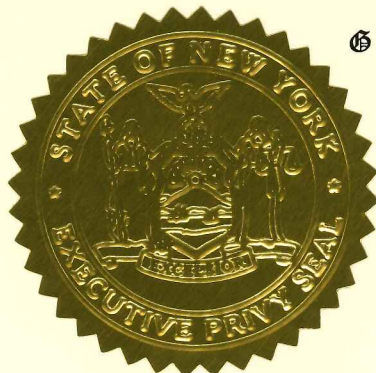
Whereas, the New York State Fallen Firefighters Memorial stands as a symbol of our commitment to always remember and honor those generations of men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe and, each October, we solemnly commemorate the firefighters who have died in the line of duty with a special ceremony at this inspiring Memorial; and

Whereas, this occasion also provides an opportunity for New Yorkers to extend gratitude to all of the firefighters currently serving in communities across this state, as we join to pay tribute to the daily heroism of those who proudly wear the firefighter’s uniform;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2016 as

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day
of October in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Walter J. Munk
Secretary to the Governor