



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** On October 16, 2001, President George W. Bush signed legislation requiring that the United States flag be lowered to half-staff on all federal buildings to memorialize fallen firefighters; and
- WHEREAS:** Public Law 107-51 requires this action to occur annually in conjunction with the observance of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service; and
- WHEREAS:** Minnesota Senate File 237 was unanimously passed by the Legislature and signed into law on May 15, 2009, creating Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; and
- WHEREAS:** Every day, the volunteer, paid-on-call, and career firefighters in nearly 800 Minnesota fire departments protect the lives and property of our people; and
- WHEREAS:** The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, Minnesota State Fire Department Association, and Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association support this act of recognition in honor of their goal to bring every firefighter home safely at the end of every shift; and
- WHEREAS:** An average 100 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 24, 2023, as:

MINNESOTA FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in the State of Minnesota and do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 24, 2023, in honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE