



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: On October 16th, 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 15th, 2009, creating Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, Minnesota State Fire Department Association, and Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters Association support this act of recognition and believe it honors their goal of bringing every firefighter home safely at the end of every shift; and

WHEREAS: On average, 100 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year in the United States; 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 citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 27, 2020 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 and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Sunday, September 27, 2020, 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 11th day of September.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on September 11, 2020
Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon