

State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Missouri is subject to many threats to the safety of residents and visitors and their property, including fires, traffic crashes, flooding, severe weather, hazardous material incidents, and health and other emergencies that require fast and professional responses; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is fortunate to be home to more than 20,000 brave and committed Fire Fighters serving in more than 800 Fire Service agencies, who dedicate their lives to protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, each year, Missouri Fire Fighters save lives and protect billions of dollars in property through their dedicated and resourceful efforts, often at great risk to themselves and

WHEREAS, Missouri Fire Fighters also devote countless hours to increasing the safety of the public through homes and businesses fire safety inspections, the installation of life-saving smoke alarms, and fire safety education; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Missouri calls special attention to the State's women Fire Fighters, who serve in both career and volunteer positions, and the trailblazing women who over generations led the way for greater opportunities for women in Missouri's Fire Service; and

WHEREAS, the families of Missouri Fire Fighters sacrifice valuable time with their loved ones and provide them with essential support as they protect others; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Missouri will always remember, support and honor the families of Fire Fighters who made the ultimate sacrifice because of their commitment to protecting their fellow Missourians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2024, to be

FIRE FIGHTERS DAY

in Missouri and call upon all citizens to remember and give special tribute to all members of Missouri's Fire Service for their sacrifices and contributions to our state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of March, 2024.

