



STATE OF MISSOURI  
*Proclamation*  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, over the last year, members of Missouri's Fire Service have once again demonstrated the incalculable value of their selfless work on behalf of their fellow citizens as they responded to thousands of residential, commercial, and wildland fires that threatened communities across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri's approximately 20,000 devoted Fire Fighters serving in over 800 Fire Service agencies also responded to countless emergencies resulting from severe weather, flooding, traffic crashes, and hazardous material incidents as well as health emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, these calls require immediate and skillful responses from individuals who risk their own safety and health as they protect the lives and property of others; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2026, Missouri calls special attention to the crucial role played by members of the Fire Service who devote their time and professional development to training their fellow Fire Fighters related to each aspect of the job, from Fire Fighter I and II to Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, and other areas of specialized training as well as best practices to avoid the many health risks that come with being a Fire Fighter; 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 as a result of their commitment to protecting their fellow Missourians.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,** do hereby proclaim April 1, 2026, to be

**FIRE FIGHTERS DAY**

in Missouri.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.



*Michael Kehoe*  
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Denny Hoskins*  
SECRETARY OF STATE