



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, those who serve as firefighters exemplify the best attributes of our humanity, as they rise above and beyond to answer an emergency call day or night, to respond whether the danger is great or small, and who rush towards danger without thought for their own personal safety; and

Whereas, as the dangers and challenges to New Yorkers continue to evolve, so must our brave firefighters also evolve professionally by continually training to learn about new and advanced techniques to fight fires and save lives; and

Whereas, New York State's firefighters receive the best training through a variety of programs and in different locations across the state so that they may be prepared for any type of emergency; and

Whereas, each October, we come together to honor our brave firefighters with a special ceremony at the State's Fallen Firefighters Memorial, which represents our commitment across generations to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe; and

Whereas, this year, 21 of our fallen firefighters will be solemnly honored by being included in the State's Fallen Firefighter's Memorial and whose families will participate in next year's Memorial Ceremony to protect public health due to COVID-19; and

Whereas, this occasion also provides New Yorkers an opportunity to celebrate the daily heroism of all firefighters across the Empire State, and as we all join to express our deepest gratitude to the remarkable people who proudly wear the firefighter's uniform;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2020 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 first day
of October in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa