

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** in the State of West Virginia there are 9,360 career and volunteer firefighters who give tirelessly and unselfishly their time, energy, talents, and expertise to save lives and property throughout West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** firefighters stand ready to meet any challenge that endangers life or property throughout West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** considerations of time, season, or weather have no bearing on the commitment of firefighters, who respond to approximately 148,936 emergencies each year in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** the dedication and valor of firefighters instill trust, pride, and admiration in people whenever they serve; and
- Whereas,** the West Virginia State Firemen's Association are honoring State Fire Marshal Basil E. Wright, West Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office, August 10, 1963; Firefighter Zachary S. Blankenship, Montcalm Volunteer Fire Department, March 15, 2020; and Firefighter John D. Forbush, Gassaway Volunteer Fire Department, May 1, 2022; and
- Whereas,** the people of West Virginia owe firefighters recognition and gratitude for their service, courage, and heroism.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *October 16, 2022* as:


## *Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day*


in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State