Proclamation by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

Whereas, an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

Whereas, in 2023 there were 8,916 career and volunteer firefighters in West Virginia, and 100,094 emergencies firefighters responded to in West Virginia; and

Whereas, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend; May 4-5 marks the weekend following International Firefighters' Day 2024; and

Whereas, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire; and

Whereas, it is encouraged that the citizens of the Great State of West Virginia honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 5, 2024* as:

National Fallen Firefighters Day

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in 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 Fifth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Four, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.

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