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P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, firefighters dedicate countless hours, selfless time away from their families, and take ultimate risks to their lives to do their jobs for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the role of a firefighter is to respond to emergencies involving life, property, or environment and to fight together against one common enemy that can destroy lives; and

WHEREAS, most people would risk their lives to save a family member, friend or even a pet, but a firefighter makes the conscious decision daily to risk their lives for those in their community that they have never met; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the fire service industry are a special group of individuals that exude extraordinary commitment and exceptional courage to tirelessly work in a profession whose focus is to serve and protect others; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters Day was created in 1999 after 5 firefighters died tragically during a wildfire in Australia when the direction of the wind changed suddenly and engulfed them in flames; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters Day is celebrated on May 4th because it is Saint Florian's Day, who was the first commanding firefighter of an actual Roman battalion saving many lives and is considered the patron saint of firefighters; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters Day is a time where the world's community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are safe as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby recognize May 4th as

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY

and encourage all citizens to outwardly thank and show their appreciation to firefighters who dedicate their lives to protect life and property to all Floridians.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 4th day of May 2024.

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STATE FIRE MARSHALL