



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in my capacity as the Florida State Fire Marshal, I encourage all fire and emergency personnel to participate in *Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters*, a recognition to toll a bell and pause for a moment of silence at noon on May 5<sup>th</sup> to recognize the sacrifice of their fallen firefighters and honor their families; and

**WHEREAS**, two hundred and twenty-six firefighters will be added to the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland, forever recognizing and honoring their ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

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

**NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY**

and encourage all Floridians to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who have rendered invaluable service to our community and citizens.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

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**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**STATE FIRE MARSHAL**