



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 30 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