

# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State's firefighters are a fearless group of individuals who confront dangerous situations at great risk to their own personal safety and we appreciate their steadfast efforts to keep our people and communities protected from the devastating effects of fire; and

**Whereas**, the many proud individuals who serve throughout the state as career or volunteer firefighters carry out a vital public service, and all New Yorkers have a greater sense of security in knowing these women and men are prepared to battle blazes, save the lives of their fellow human beings, and work to mitigate the severity of property destruction; and

**Whereas**, today, firefighting is more challenging than ever, with the increase in outbreaks of massive wildfires and new concerns such as the threat of radiological, biological, or toxic contaminants, and New York State's firefighters consistently maintain high levels of preparedness in the face of these unprecedented dangers through frequent and regular training; and

**Whereas**, the New York State Fallen Firefighters Memorial stands in tribute to generations of courageous individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice while answering the call to service and, each October, we commemorate those firefighters who died in the line of duty with a special ceremony at which the names of those lost in the past year are added to the memorial; and

**Whereas**, in 2021, we have inscribed the names of 24 individuals and, with the postponement of last year's ceremony, we take this opportunity to officially pay tribute to 21 firefighters whose names were engraved on the memorial in 2020; and

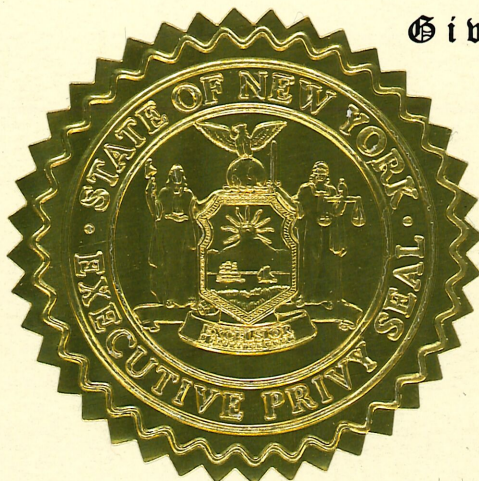
**Whereas**, today and every day, New Yorkers join in a solemn expression of respect for our fallen firefighters and we extend deepest gratitude to their families, and acknowledge their losses and sacrifices; we likewise offer our support and compassion to their colleagues who mourn their brothers and sisters in uniform, and

**Whereas**, we pay tribute to firefighters across the state for their daily heroism, and extend our sincere gratitude to all of the proud women and men who epitomize the ideals of selfless service and personal courage;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2021 as

## FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY

in the Empire State.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of  
October in the year two thousand twenty-one.

*Kathy Hochul*

Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh