



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Firefighters bravely rise to the challenge of crises in our communities, responding to hundreds of thousands of fires, medical emergencies, and other complex situations that require immense strength and tenacity to overcome; and
- WHEREAS: With the exacerbation of climate change, local and wildland fire departments are increasingly tasked with battling more fierce and lethal blazes; and
- WHEREAS: On average, 100 firefighters make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year in the United States, losing their own lives to protect others; and
- WHEREAS: Every day, the volunteer, paid-on-call, and career firefighters in nearly 800 Minnesota fire departments protect lives and property throughout our communities; and
- WHEREAS: The President of the United States of America has proclaimed May 4 through May 5, 2024, as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend and has required flags to be flown at half-staff from midnight to sunset on Sunday, May 5, 2024; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota will lower flags to half-staff in remembrance and honor of our nation's courageous firefighters who gave their lives to keep the rest of us safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 4-5, 2024, as:

FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

in the State of Minnesota and do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Minnesota, from midnight until sunset on Sunday, May 5, 2024, in honor of firefighters who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 3rd day of May.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Pimm".
SECRETARY OF STATE