

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day takes place on October 11, 2025, and is recognized each fall as a day to remember the firefighters Wisconsin has lost over the course of the year; and

WHEREAS; to date, the names of more than 350 fire and EMS personnel are engraved on the Memorial Wall of the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial in Ben Hansen Park in Wisconsin Rapids; and

WHEREAS; on September 27, the memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state’s fire and EMS services were honored with a Final Alarm Ceremony at the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial Park to provide comfort to family members, friends, colleagues, and loved ones and assure them that the service and sacrifice of their fallen hero will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS; this year, special recognition is given to the families and representatives of Firefighter/Paramedic Benjamin D. Kooiman of the City of Fond du Lac Fire Rescue, Firefighter Doran J. Kemp II of the Milwaukee Fire Department, and Firefighter/EMR Lori Ann Boelkes of the Warrens Area Fire District; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring the courage, selflessness, and sacrifice of the heroes across the state who served their communities and who lost their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 11 2025 as

WISCONSIN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 2nd day of September 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State