

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day will take place on October 14, 2023, 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 300 firefighters are engraved on the Memorial Wall of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial in Ben Hansen Park in Wisconsin Rapids; and

WHEREAS; on October 7, the memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state’s fire services were honored with a Final Alarm Ceremony at the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial 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; special recognition is given to the families and representatives of Firefighter James Ludlum (Mineral Point Fire Department), Captain Brian Busch (Mineral Point Fire Department), Firefighter Raymond Samson (Dale Fire and Rescue), Assistant Chief Robert Stevens (Fremont-Wolf River Fire Department), and Firefighter Riley Daniel Ray Huiras (Grand Rapids Volunteer Fire Department) who lost their lives in 2022;

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial Inc. and all Wisconsinites in honoring the courage, selflessness, and sacrifice of the firefighting heroes across the state who have lost their lives this year and in years prior;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 14 2023 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 4th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State