

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day will take place on October 1, 2022, and is recognized each fall as a day to remember the firefighters we have lost over the course of the year; and

*WHEREAS*; to date, the names of 332 firefighters are engraved on the Memorial Wall of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial in Ben Hansen Park in Wisconsin Rapids; and

*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 throughout our state who have served their communities and made the ultimate sacrifice; and

*WHEREAS*; special recognition is given to the families and representatives of Firefighter Gary E. Berg (North Prairie Fire Department), Firefighter Joshua D. Fedie (Boscobel Fire Department), Firefighter Anthony J. Matyka (Westboro Volunteer Fire Department), Firefighter Brandon R. Romo (Pardeeville Fire Department), Chief Frank C. Sanchez Jr. (Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department), Firefighter Stephen M. Smith (Vandenbroek-Kaukauna Fire Department), and Firefighter Matt Siddons (Cadott Area Fire and Rescue), who lost their lives in 2021; and

*WHEREAS*; today, the memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state's fire services will be honored with a Final Alarm Ceremony at the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial to provide comfort to family members, friends, colleagues, and loved ones and let them know that the service and sacrifice of their fallen hero will never be forgotten;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 1, 2022, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State