

Proclamation

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

MAY 4, 2021

WHEREAS, firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property. Sometimes that dedication is in the form of countless hours volunteered over many years, in others it is many selfless years working in the industry. In all cases it risks the ultimate sacrifice of a firefighter's life; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is a time where the world's community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. It is also a day in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on the 4th of May. On this date all citizens are invited to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all. At the same time, we can show our support and appreciation to the firefighters worldwide who continue to protect us so well throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the IFFD ribbons are linked to colors symbolic of the main elements firefighters work with – red for fire and blue for water. These colors also are internationally recognized as representing emergency service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Susan S. Bransfield, First Selectwoman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim **May 4, 2021** as “**International Firefighters' Day**” in the Town of Portland, Connecticut and urge all citizens to pay tribute to our firefighters by taking a moment to reflect and recognize the sacrifices they make to protecting our health and safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 5th day of May in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

By,



Susan S. Bransfield
First Selectwoman
Town of Portland, Connecticut



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