



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, firefighters play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our state; and

WHEREAS, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association reports that sixty-four firefighters in the United States died in the line of duty in 2018; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to recognize the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our firefighters, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to the citizens of the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of those brave men and women who have put their lives on the line while fighting fires, and those who have lost that battle in order to save and protect their fellow citizens, the State of Tennessee is proud to dedicate a special day to remember and honor these fire heroes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2019 as

Firefighters' Memorial Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this ninth day of October, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Bill Lee'.

Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

