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CHARLES GASTINEAU
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Proclamation

Whereas, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and **Whereas**, an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

Whereas, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

Whereas, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

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

Therefore, I Mayor Charles Gastineau of the City of Ward, now call upon all citizens of the City of Ward and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the day of October 6, 2019, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff.

I respectfully encourage these same organizations as well as the citizens of the City of Ward to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community and to pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes by participating in Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters. Toll a bell, pause for a moment of silence, or read a special passage to honor the sacrifices of these public servants and their families during your group's gathering or meeting.

I encourage appropriate services and ceremonies in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Ward on this first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen the Recognition of National Fallen Firefighters day.



Mayor