

STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Missouri owes an enormous debt of gratitude to over 22,000 selfless firefighters serving in more than 800 career and volunteer fire service agencies across the state, who dedicate their lives to protecting their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Missouri's firefighters bravely risk their own lives as they run toward danger to protect others from fires, natural disasters, hazardous materials incidents, motor vehicle crashes, and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, over 450 members of Missouri's fire service have been recognized by the Board of the Fire Memorial Foundation of Missouri as having died in the line of duty dating back to early in the 19th century, including five members whom the board has recognized to be honored in services in 2026; and

WHEREAS, these deaths demonstrate the willingness of Missouri's firefighters to lay down their lives in service to their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Missourians will always honor the courage and sacrifice of the members of the fire service and recognize the pain and loss their families experience long after losing a loved one.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2026, to be

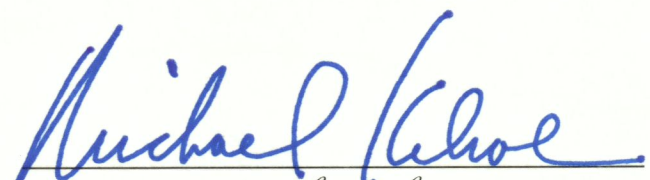
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in Missouri and call upon all Missourians to remember and give special tribute to these firefighters recently recognized by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation as having died in the line of duty:

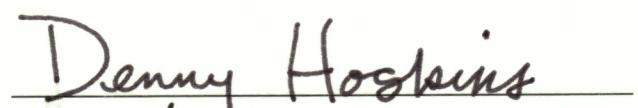
Captain Andrew Stephen Donner – Fort Osage Fire Protection District – August 27, 2019
Heavy Rigging Specialist Larry Roland Duncan – Missouri Task Force 1 – January 15, 2025
Fire Chief Garry Glenn Moore – Whitewater Fire Protection District – April 2, 2025
Firefighter Lee Michael Kraus – St. Louis Fire Department – July 1, 2025
Shift Commander Jackson Montgomery Warren – Butler County Fire Protection District – March 6, 2026

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 29th day of September 2026.




Mike Kehoe
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE