



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 the first Sunday in October, a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others; 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; and

WHEREAS, On October 16, 2001, President George W. Bush approved legislation requiring the American flag to be lowered to half-staff on all Federal buildings and to include the U.S. Capitol and the White House, as well as buildings in our local community to memorialize fallen firefighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim October 4, 2020 as

“NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY”

and October 4 – October 10, 2020 as

“NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

and pursuant to the legislation signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2001 all flags are to be flown at half-staff on all city government buildings on October 4, 2020 and urge all citizens to observe the week of October 4 – October 10 2020, as National Fire Prevention Week in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our firefighters and emergency services personnel in our city.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the City of Hartsville.

Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk