



Proclamation



WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have traditionally designated the first Sunday of October as the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, 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. An average of 80 firefighters courageously makes the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, traditionally 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, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim October 8 – October 9, 2023 as

“FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAYS”

and October 8 – October 14, 2023 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 8 – October 9, 2023 and urge all citizens to observe the week of October 8 – October 14, 2023, 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.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk