



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; 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, the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend marks the weekend following International Firefighters' Day on May 4, 2024; 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 May 4 – May 5, 2024 as

“FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAYS”

and May 4, 2024 as

“FIREFIGHTERS’ DAY”

in Hartsville 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 May 4 – May 5, 2024 and urge all citizens to remember the past firefighters who gave their lives serving our community, honor the retired firefighters who dedicated their lives to protecting us all, and show support and appreciation to the firefighters who continue to protect us so well throughout the year.

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