



# PROCLAMATION



**May 4, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, International Firefighters' Day was established in 1999 to remember those firefighters worldwide lost in the line of duty protecting the safety of us all; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of a firefighter in today's society – be it urban, rural, natural environment, volunteer, career, industrial, defense force, aviation, motorsport or other, is one of dedication, commitment and sacrifice – no matter what country they reside and work in; and

**WHEREAS**, International Firefighters' Day recognizes those firefighters who have served their communities for most of their lives, and those for who have served for just a few short years. They set themselves apart as model citizens, setting a fine example in their communities with their willingness and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, hailing from all walks of life, they are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, and friends. They protect us without wanting of recognition or reward. In our time of need they are there with courage, compassion and loyalty. They are the essence of the true meaning of community.

**THEREFORE**, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby encourage all citizens to recognize not only our local firefighters but those worldwide not only on May 4<sup>th</sup> but year round for their courage, selfless service, and sacrifice.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

*Cohen Barnes*

COHEN BARNES, Mayor