

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 2, 2023 "RECOGNITION OF FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, March 2, 2023 is a day to honor the courage,
6 selflessness and sacrifice of firefighting heroes throughout
7 New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, firefighters risk their lives every day
9 protecting and rescuing people and animals; and

10 WHEREAS, firefighters are an integral element of a safe
11 and healthy society; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico's firefighters respond to more than
13 two hundred thousand calls and fight more than ten thousand
14 fires per year; and

15 WHEREAS, firefighters complete extensive training and
16 education to perform an abundance of society-benefiting
17 functions, including fire suppression and prevention,
18 mitigation of hazardous materials, emergency medical services
19 and rescue; and

20 WHEREAS, firefighters dedicate themselves to keeping
21 their communities safe; and

22 WHEREAS, firefighters work tirelessly to manage the
23 horrific wildfires that plague New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, firefighters are exposed to deadly hazards and
25 conditions and risk their safety for the lives of others; and

1 WHEREAS, firefighters commonly experience overexertion,
2 stress, exhaustion, dehydration, posttraumatic stress
3 disorder and other mental health and medical issues; and

4 WHEREAS, firefighters disproportionately sustain serious
5 injuries and illnesses, such as cardiovascular disease,
6 cancer, hypertension and heart attacks; and

7 WHEREAS, for the greater good, firefighters and their
8 families choose adversity, uncertainty and sacrifice; and

9 WHEREAS, while serving their community, their state and
10 their nation, firefighters fall, leaving their families
11 behind; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important to embrace the memory of those
13 who made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state's
14 fire services, to comfort family members, friends, colleagues
15 and loved ones and let them know that the service and
16 sacrifice of their fallen hero will never be forgotten;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 2, 2023 be declared as
19 "Recognition of Fallen Firefighters Day" in the senate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the state fire marshal's office for appropriate
22 distribution to New Mexico's fire departments. _____

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