

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Proclaim Saturday, May 4, 2024, and Sunday, May 5, 2024, National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

Every day in communities throughout our nation, firefighters place themselves in harm's way to protect the lives of residents and communities entrusted to their care. Without a doubt, the fire service is a noble calling – and we are gently reminded of that when we experience loss. Sadly, an average of 80 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty every year.

That is why it is important that we pay our respects to firefighters past and present who have lost their lives in the line of duty, including eight County of Los Angeles firefighters to be added to the 2024 Roll of Honor during this year's National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

This motion to designate Saturday, May 4, 2024, and Sunday, May 5, 2024, as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, and for all flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff on Sunday, May 5, 2024, in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service aligns with the legislation approved by President George W. Bush on October 16, 2001, and [Public Law 107-51](#) authorizing the American flag on all federal

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office buildings to be lowered to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Together, we pay tribute to the brave firefighters on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall who truly gave their all and left us too soon. This memorial service also serves as a reminder that for every fallen firefighter, there is a family that has also paid the price. May the families find comfort and assurance knowing that all of us are here to support them – and that we vow to never forget their loved ones and their sacrifice.

While these brave firefighters are no longer with us, their lives continue to inspire us by allowing us to carry the torch of commitment and be of service to others. They will never be forgotten.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim Saturday, May 4, 2024, and Sunday, May 5, 2024, as “National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend” throughout the County of Los Angeles and, in doing so, urge all residents, city officials, as well as community groups, clubs and organizations to join this effort to honor firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty and that all flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff on Sunday, May 5, 2024, in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service.

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