



WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States have designated the **first weekend of May 2025** as National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, constructed in 1981, a 7-foot stone monument features a sculpted Maltese Cross, the traditional symbol of the fire service, is displayed in Emmitsburg, MD at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. An engraved plaque on the monument bears a message from President Ronald W. Reagan and the monument base showcases an eternal flame symbolizing the spirit of all firefighters – past, present, and future. Encircling the monument is a Wall of Honor dedicating plaques honoring the firefighters who lost their lives.

WHEREAS, each year, America honors its fallen fire heroes during the National Memorial Service at the monument site. The ceremony includes the placing of a Presidential Wreath at the monument and dedication of a plaque honoring those who died in the line-of-duty during the previous year.

WHEREAS, National tributes for fallen firefighters can be seen across the states through the “Bells Across America for Fallen Firefighters” and ,

the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, home fire injuries, and carbon monoxide poisoning through education, prevention, and protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City’s residents are responsive to public education measures and able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fires, especially in their homes and kitchens; and

WHEREAS, the **2025 Fire Prevention Week theme — “Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You”** — puts the focus on educating children and adults about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, their necessity, and how the sounds they make help to save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, calls upon all citizens to celebrate

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

in Arkansas City, on the 44th anniversary of this event, in honor of those firefighters who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or become disabled in the performance of their duty.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my
hand and caused this seal to be affixed:*

Name/Title: *Chad D. Beeson, Mayor*
Date: *May 6, 2025*