

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since its official founding on October 18, 1875, the Frostburg Fire Department, No. 1, has stood as a pillar of courage and community service, faithfully protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Frostburg and surrounding communities for 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the origins of organized fire protection in Frostburg trace back to the devastating fire of September 5, 1874, which destroyed or damaged at least 40 businesses and residences, inspiring citizens to unite and establish a permanent fire department to safeguard their community; and

WHEREAS, from its earliest days of bucket brigades, horses, and church bells as alarms, the Frostburg Fire Department has grown into a highly trained, 100% volunteer organization that proudly serves a diverse city population of more than 7,000 residents, including the students, faculty, and staff of Frostburg State University, as well as surrounding towns; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Frostburg Fire Department, often representing multiple generations of service within families, have demonstrated unwavering bravery, professionalism, and sacrifice, living out the Department's motto, "*Our Deeds Our Reward*," and

WHEREAS, the Frostburg Fire Department has been instrumental not only in fire suppression and emergency response but also in the development of critical infrastructure, including championing the establishment of the city's water system; and

WHEREAS, the Department's 150th Anniversary stands as a milestone of extraordinary dedication, community support, and resilience, deserving of recognition, gratitude, and celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Todd J. Logsdon, Mayor of the City of Frostburg, Maryland on behalf of the City Council, the residents, and the business community, commend and congratulate the Frostburg Fire Department, No. 1 on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and extend heartfelt appreciation for a century and a half of service, sacrifice, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

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Todd J. Logsdon, Mayor