



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date:	Sept. 8, 2025
Department:	Administration/Governing Body
Agenda Section:	Presentations
Public hearing:	No
Date of public hearing:	N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Mayor Mark Bell
Town Manager Eric Peterson

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Proclamation Declaring Sept. 8-14, 2025, as Orange Rural Fire Department Week

Attachments:

Proclamation Declaring Sept. 8-14, 2025, as Orange Rural Fire Department Week

Summary:

Over the past year, the Orange Rural Fire Department, in addition to their daily operations, has responded to three significant events with distinction and life-saving actions:

- Hurricane Helene: providing mutual aid to devastated communities in western North Carolina.
- Winter Storm: managing the 50-vehicle pile-up with fatality and injuries for over 20 hours.
- Tropical Storm Chantal: rescuing a significant number of people trapped by flash floods, clearing streets, and performing other vital tasks throughout the event.

The proclamation recognizes the hard work, planning, training, personal sacrifice, and life-saving services performed by all associated with the Orange Rural Fire Department, including the elected board members of the fire district who provide leadership, chief, command staff, firefighters, staff, and volunteers.

Financial impacts:

N/A

Staff recommendation and comments:

Members of the town board and staff proposed establishing a method to formally recognize the ongoing excellence demonstrated by the Orange Rural Fire Department, which prompted the proclamation by Hillsborough's mayor and Board of Commissioners.

Action requested:

Reading of proclamation by Mayor Bell recognizing Sept. 8-14 as Orange Rural Fire Department Week.