



**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING MARCH 2024 AS  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MONTH**

**Whereas**, the men and women who serve in our Orland Volunteer Fire Department are an invaluable resource deserving of recognition for their vital contributions; and

**Whereas**, throughout our community, the spirit of local responsibility and desire to help those in need has been distinguished by the ready willingness of neighbors to join together and help one another; and

**Whereas**, the tradition of voluntary community service in Orland is as important today as it was in any other time in history; and

**Whereas**, Orland's volunteer firefighters carry on this tradition of citizen response for the common good. Like their forefathers of our early years, these volunteers are ready to respond on short notice to help fellow citizens in need. Volunteer firefighters protect our lives, our families, and the economic life of our communities from the threat of destructive fire, often at great personal sacrifice. These volunteers are more than firefighters; in the Orland area, they respond to a wide range of natural and manmade emergencies as well as medical aid; and

**Whereas**, these trained and organized volunteers, our neighbors, are local heroes. It is fitting and proper that the City Council should recognize the vital contributions of the men and women who serve in our volunteer fire departments; and

**Now**, therefore, the City Council hereby proclaims March 2024 as "Volunteer Firefighter Recognition Month" in the City of Orland and calls upon all citizens to join in recognition programs and supportive activities throughout the month to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of our volunteer firefighters.

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Chris Dobbs, Mayor  
March 5, 2024