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Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy

WHEREAS, brave men and women, both professional and volunteer, serving as police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, paramedics, EMTs, 911 dispatchers and operators, search and rescue teams, and others in public safety answer the call as first responders in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, first responders are subjected to tremendous stress and the potential of serious injury while honoring their pledge to help those in peril; and

WHEREAS, over four million people serve as first responders in the United States, and an average of 225 first responders are lost in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan first responders courageously navigate the unique challenges of reaching remote communities, often in severe weather conditions, ensuring the safety and welfare of citizens statewide; and

WHEREAS, despite enormous difficulties and severe risks, these heroic individuals continue to provide protection, compassion, and life-saving support to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we honor and express our profound gratitude to Alaska's first responders for their steadfast dedication, and to the families who share in their sacrifices. We especially remember and revere those individuals who gave their lives in the service of others.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October $28,\,2025$ as:

First Responders Appreciation Day

in Alaska and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the vital role Alaska's First Responders play in ensuring the safety of our homes and communities.

Dated: October 28, 2025

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Mike Dunleavy, Governor who has also authorized the seal of the State of Alaska to be affixed to this proclamation.