WHEREAS, firefighters are unsung heroes who are prepared to be summoned at any moment to risk their own safety to preserve lives and suppress fires; and

WHEREAS, firefighters must retain their composure in a variety of emergency situations while fulfilling requirements including connecting hoses to hydrants, operating pumps to power the hoses, climbing ladders, using tools to break through debris, entering burning buildings to extinguish a fire and rescue individuals and providing medical attention; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, firefighters may have to remain at the scene of a disaster for days on end; and

WHEREAS, firefighters usually remain on call during shifts that can last 24 hours. While at the fire station, they routinely inspect equipment and perform practice drills; and

WHEREAS, some jobs that specialized firefighters conduct include extinguishing forest fires and cleaning up hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Swansboro is greatly indebted to the valiant and hardworking paid and volunteer firefighters who serve the Town and its citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Davis, Mayor of the Town of Swansboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2023, as

"INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY"

This 24th day of April 2023.	
Attest:	
Alissa Fender, Town Clerk	John Davis, Mayor