

Office of the MAYOR

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Proclamation

International Firefighters' Day

WHEREAS, Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property. Sometimes that dedication is in the form of countless hours volunteered over many years, in others it is many selfless years working in the industry. In all cases it risks the ultimate sacrifice of a firefighter's life; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is a time where the world's community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is a time in which current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions; and

WHEREAS, a special time to stop and reflect on the sacrifices made by firefighters is held on the first Sunday in May at noon each year when fire sirens sound for 30 seconds followed by a minute's silence in memory of, and respect for, all firefighters who have been lost in the line of duty or passed on before us; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4th. On this date you are invited to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Hedrick, Mayor of the City of Groton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City, recognize May 4, 2025 as International Firefighters' Day, and extend my gratitude to the brave men and women who protect us and are members of the City of Groton Fire Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Groton, this fifth day of May, 2025.





Keith Hedrick, Mayor, City of Groton