PROCLAMATION

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY

WHEREAS, International Firefighter's Day is observed each year on May 4th to honor and remember past firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the language a firefighter speaks, or the country in which he or she works and resides, all firefighters fight against the same enemy – fire; and

WHEREAS, firefighters follow a long line of tradition and honor that inspires them to help colleagues, neighbors and strangers alike; and

WHEREAS, at a moment's notice firefighters are quick to respond to uncertain situations to mitigate danger and combat the threat of destructive fire in order to protect individuals, families, and the economic being or our community; and

WHEREAS, the demands of firefighting are accompanied by both personal and physical tolls that all firefighters knowingly accept while risking their lives to protect the lives of others.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ed Hatley, Mayor of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2026 as:

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S DAY

and I encourage all citizens to show support and appreciation to our firefighters who protect our lives and property so diligently through the year, and by remembering past firefighters who dedicated their lives to preserve our safety.

Adopted this, the 7th day of May, 2026

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Ed Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk