

**State of Minnesota
City of Oakdale**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4th to honor and remember past firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their communities, to express gratitude to those that have served in this line of work, and to show support and appreciation for those who presently serve, and

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week to celebrate EMS professionals and the important work they do in our nation's communities, and

WHEREAS, firefighting and emergency medical services are vital public services, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

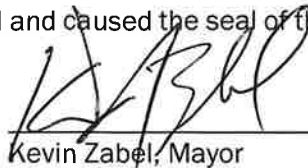
WHEREAS, at a moment's notice, firefighters are quick to respond to uncertain situations to mitigate danger and combat the threat of destructive fire in order to protect individuals, families, and the economic being of our community, and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills, 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.

THEREFORE, I, Kevin Zabel, Mayor of Oakdale, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 4 as "International Firefighters' Day" and May 18-24, 2025 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" to recognize the value and the accomplishments of firefighters and emergency medical services providers.

IN WITNESS THEREOF: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Oakdale to be affixed on this 27th day of May, 2025.



Kevin Zabel, Mayor