

**RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH AND  
CALIFORNIA FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY**

*September 23, 2020*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize the vital role played by firefighters in our society; and*

*WHEREAS, in rendering essential public services professionally and selflessly, South San Francisco firefighters help to assure an orderly society and enhance the citizenry's sense of security ; and*

*WHEREAS, firefighters risk their lives daily in order to protect the life and property of the general public; and*

*WHEREAS, in prioritizing the well-being of society above their personal concerns and, in some instances, endangering their lives for the sake of others, the firefighters of the City of South San Francisco exemplify the highest nobility and greatest commitment to humanitarian ideals; 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, this year firefighters are facing the life threatening COVID-19 pandemic where they have again demonstrated their commitment to service above self in the face of increased health and safety risks for themselves and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, the California Firefighters Memorial is the only state monument capturing the names in perpetuity of those courageous firefighters in California who have put service to our great State of California above all else.*

*WHEREAS, many of the fallen firefighters died under tragic, traumatic circumstances or suffered and ultimately succumbed to job-caused diseases; such as occupational cancer, as a result of the hazardous nature of their work, including routine exposure to toxins; and*

*WHEREAS, on September 26, 2020, hundreds of firefighters and their families, along with their fellow Californians, will honor the fallen in a moment of tribute for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony honoring the men and women of the fire service who have selflessly given their lives to protect California; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of the City of South San Francisco hereby recognize September as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and September 26, 2020 as California Firefighters Memorial Day.