

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day was established in 1999 to remember those firefighters worldwide who lost their lives in the line of duty protecting us all; and,

WHEREAS, the role of all firefighters in today's society is one of dedication, commitment and sacrifice, regardless of what country they reside and work in; and,

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day recognizes firefighters who have served in their communities for most of their lives, as well as firefighters who have served for just a few short years; and,

WHEREAS, these men and women set themselves apart as model citizens, setting a fine example in their communities with their willingness and dedication to protect others; and,

WHEREAS, hailing from all walks of life, they are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, and friends, and they protect us without wanting of recognition or reward; and,

WHEREAS, firefighters are there with courage, compassion and loyalty in our time of need and they are the essence of the true meaning of community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christy Terry, Mayor of the City of Seward, Alaska do hereby encourage all citizens to recognize not only our local firefighters, but those worldwide, on May 4, 2020 and year round for their courage, selfless service, and sacrifice.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2020

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

Christy Terry, Mayor