

1 [Firefighter Appreciation Month - September 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of September 2025 as Firefighter Appreciation Month**
4 **in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Firefighter Appreciation Month, a
7 time to honor and celebrate the courage, dedication, and sacrifice of firefighters who tirelessly
8 protect our communities every day; and

9 WHEREAS, This national observance to recognize firefighters reflects the deep
10 gratitude felt by community members for the brave and selfless individuals who serve in the
11 fire service, and the vital role they play in public safety and emergency response; and

12 WHEREAS, Firefighters risk their lives every day to protect the lives and property of
13 those in their community, responding not only to fires but also to medical emergencies, natural
14 disasters, and hazardous incidents with professionalism, bravery, and compassion; and

15 WHEREAS, California faces increasing risk of wildfires due to climate change, drought,
16 and other environmental factors that threaten our State, and in recent years Californians have
17 endured some of the most destructive fires in history, events that have claimed lives,
18 displaced families, and devastated communities; and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) is one of the busiest urban
20 fire departments in the nation, responding to more than 175,000 calls for service annually,
21 including over 135,000 emergency medical incidents, 5,600 fires, and hundreds of rescues;
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23 WHEREAS, SFFD operates 44 fire stations citywide and three additional stations at
24 San Francisco International Airport, staffed by approximately 1,800 sworn personnel, with
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1 specialized units including fireboats, heavy rescue squads, and hazardous materials teams,
2 ensuring rapid response to emergencies across San Francisco's 49 square miles; and

3 WHEREAS, SFFD Station 3, serving the Tenderloin and surrounding neighborhoods,
4 leads the department in activity, responding to 16,422 total calls, including 9,072 medical
5 emergencies and 984 fires; and

6 WHEREAS, Beyond emergency response, the San Francisco Fire Department actively
7 invests in community preparedness through its nationally recognized Neighborhood
8 Emergency Response Team (NERT) program, which has trained more than 27,000 San
9 Francisco residents since 1989 in disaster response skills such as light search and rescue,
10 fire suppression, and medical triage, ensuring that neighborhoods are empowered to support
11 one another during major emergencies; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco firefighters not only safeguard our residents but also
13 provide critical support across California through the state's mutual aid system, deploying to
14 wildfire zones and disaster areas when called upon; and

15 WHEREAS, The commitment, resilience, and public service of San Francisco
16 firefighters deserve our deepest appreciation and respect; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares the month of September
18 2025 as Firefighter Appreciation Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all residents, organizations, and community leaders are
20 encouraged to take this opportunity to recognize, thank, and support the dedicated firefighters
21 who serve San Francisco through public appreciation, community events, and ongoing
22 advocacy for their safety and well-being.