

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy

WHEREAS, courageous individuals, both professional and volunteer, including police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, paramedics, EMTs, 911 dispatchers and operators, search and rescue teams, and other roles in the public safety sector come together as first responders to aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, first responders are subjected to tremendous stress and the potential of grave injury while honoring their pledge to help those in peril; and

WHEREAS, over 4 million people serve as first responders in the United States, and an average of 225 first responders are killed in the line of duty each year; and

WHEREAS, Alaskan first responders overcome the unique challenges of remote communities and severe weather conditions and play a critical role in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of citizens in both urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, despite enormous difficulties and severe risks, these men and women continue to provide protection, compassion, and life-saving intervention to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we extend our sincere gratitude to the dedicated first responders who continuously serve Alaska and to their family members, who also sacrifice so much. We are especially grateful to the first responders who gave their lives in service to others.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2023 as:

First Responder Appreciation Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the vital role of Alaska's First Responders in ensuring the safety of our homes and communities.

Dated: October 28, 2023



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Dunleavy".

*Mike Dunleavy, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*