

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every 24 seconds a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation, a fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 63 seconds, and a home fire occurs every 88 seconds; and,

WHEREAS, 77 percent of all fire deaths occurred in the home in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, home fires were responsible for 10,600 civilian injuries and 72 percent of all civilian injuries in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated \$23 billion in property damage occurred as a result of fire in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, more than 58,000 wildfires burned nearly nine million acres and destroyed 25,000 structures in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80 percent of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the fire service strives to reduce the impact of anticipated man-made and natural disasters, including fires, emergency medical calls, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, floods, and other hazardous events that have the potential to cause loss of life and damage to property, community infrastructure, and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the fire service plays an integral role in community preparedness, as the President of the United States declared 118 major disasters in 2017 and 2018, which resulted in more than 3,500 deaths, countless injured, and over \$400 billion in property damage; and,

WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and,

WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and,

WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim the week of January 20, 2020 be designated as **Community Risk Reduction Week**, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation and Illinois to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-SECOND day of JANUARY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SECOND.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR