Model Proclamation Language

Whereas, every 23 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

Whereas, fires nationally were responsible for 2,920 civilian deaths and 75% of these fatalities in 2024 occurred in the home.

Whereas, fires nationally were responsible for 8,920 civilian injuries and 75% of these injuries in 2024 were also related to fires in the home.

Whereas, wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses as a result in 2024.

Whereas, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 90% of total call volume in some jurisdictions.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Whereas Monday, January 18, 2027, is Martin Luther King Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and outreach programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the week of January 18, 2027 – January 24, 2027, be designated as CRR Week, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.