

***CITY OF MAPLE GROVE PROCLAMATION***  
**Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**  
**September 26 – October 3, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Annual Memorial is held in the first week of October each year as the official national tribute to honor the service and sacrifice of firefighters who have died in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the official 2021 memorial will be held on October 3 at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Foundation created Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters to recognize the 25th anniversary of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation will hold a Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters the week of September 26 to October 3, which encourages city landmarks, fire departments, and homes to be lit up in red light during the week of the national tribute for fallen firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, Maple Grove Fire Captain Michael Paidar died on August 26, 2020; and the October 3 tribute and preceding Light the Night week is an opportunity for the community to honor and celebrate the lives of fallen firefighters and also be a symbol of support to their families and fellow firefighters.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Mayor Mark Steffenson, do hereby proclaim September 26 to October 3, as **LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS** in the City of Maple Grove, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

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MARK STEFFENSON  
Mayor