

CITY OF MAPLE GROVE PROCLAMATION
Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters
May 4 – May 7, 2023

WHEREAS, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Annual Memorial is held the first week of May this 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 2023 memorial will be held on May 7 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 May 4 to May 7, 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 May 7 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 May 4 to May 7, 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.

MARK STEFFENSON
Mayor