

**CHAPTER 4****(HCR 19)**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to a day to honor firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth there are over 3,500 professional firefighters and 18,000 volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, every day each firefighter is prepared to face injury and even death to prevent injury to property and persons; and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth there are over 10,000 Emergency Medical Technicians, 3,500 first responders, and 2,000 paramedics; and

WHEREAS, each of these emergency medical personnel have dedicated many hours in the pursuit of bringing comfort and healing to the sick and injured, often in disregard of their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the horrible events occurring on September 11, 2001, referred to as 9-11, have acted as a lens bringing into focus on a national level the dedication and desire of service that these individuals provide in the smallest of communities as well as the largest cities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:*

Section 1. This honorable body does hereby proclaim every September 11th as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and urges the Commonwealth's citizens to reflect this day upon the service and sacrifice these individuals provide.

Section 2. The first annual commemoration of Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be September 11, 2002.

Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to transmit one copy each of this Resolution to: David Lee Manley, State Fire Marshal, Division of Fire Prevention, 1047 U.S. 127 South, Suite #1, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Mark Bailey, Chair, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, 275 East Main Street HS1E-F, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; William S. Carver, President, Kentucky Firefighters Association, 1845 Loop Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101; and Bobby A. Thacker, President, Kentucky Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, 4408 Brownhurst Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40241.

**Approved February 20, 2002**