



International Firefighters Day **Monday, May 4th, 2026**

WHEREAS, Firefighters dedicate their lives to the protection of life and property; and sometimes that dedication is in the form of countless hours volunteers over many years, in others it is many selfless years working in the industry; in all cases it risks the ultimate sacrifice of a Firefighter's life; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is a time where the community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible; it is also a day in which current and past Firefighters can be thanked for their contributions; and

WHEREAS, International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on the 4th of May where we remember the past Firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all; and show our support and appreciation to Firefighters worldwide who continue to protect us so well throughout each year; and

WHEREAS, hailing from all walks of life, they are our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, neighbors, and friends. They protect us without wanting recognition or reward. In our time of need they are there with courage, compassion and loyalty. They are the essence of the true meaning of community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor of Schertz do hereby proclaim

Monday, May 4th, 2026 as International Firefighters' Day

And call upon all citizens to observe this day, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this the 21st of April 2026.

Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor