



# ALASKA PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Bob Lynn  
Alaska State Capitol Room 108  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

## In Reference to HB56 "An act establishing Firefighters' Day"

Dear Representative Lynn,

On behalf of the Alaska Professional Fire Fighters Association and its 485 members from North Pole to Ketchikan, we write you in support of HB56. Our members are on duty 24 hours a day 365 days a year staffing fire stations across the state. They account for roughly 80% of the fire and emergency medical services (EMS) calls in Alaska providing a first class service to our communities. These men and women are very humbled to receive any recognition for what they do, but we know that public safety is a priority of every Alaskan community and appreciate the efforts put forth by Representative Lynn.

Every October fire departments across Alaska begin Fire Prevention Month. The importance of this month to us speaks volumes within our cities. For the entire month local firefighters reach out to community groups and schools to educate individuals on fire safety and prevention. Including Firefighters' Day in the month of October only helps us increase the awareness and importance of our messages during Fire Prevention month.

We stand in support of this effort and look forward to assisting your office as this legislation moves forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Wescott".

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