

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION**  
**A Proclamation by the Executive Committee**

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges is a dedicated and exceptional public servant who started his public service career in 1987 and has loyally served as both a career and volunteer providing thirty-six (36) years of public service to the citizens of the Spring Lake and Hope Mills Fire Departments, Cumberland County, and the Great State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges began his membership with the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association in nineteen-hundred-ninety-six (1996), and during his twenty-seven (27) year enthusiastic and outstanding association tenure, served on numerous Committees, and in twenty-twelve (2012) served on the Cumberland County Public Safety Task Force; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges in addition to his fire service career, served on the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Arson Task Force as a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), serving honorably; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association recognizes his exceptional achievements throughout his extraordinary membership, and commends him for a job very well done; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges a devoted husband, father and grandfather is described by his contemporaries, friends, and fellow Chiefs as a caring true friend, positive, professional, helpful, understanding and always available; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges' long and admirable fire service career ended on June 30, 2023; and he will genuinely be missed, both professionally and personally by all who have had the pleasure to have known him and the good fortune to collaborate with him; and


**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the members of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association, Cumberland County, and the Great State of North Carolina, we would like to thank and honor Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges for his countless years of devoted and honorable service to our Association, County and State; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges applied for and meets all the prerequisites as outlined in Article 2, Section 3.4.1 of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs' Association By-Laws pertaining to Honorary Lifetime Membership.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., PRESIDENT OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION, do hereby proclaim ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP to and in honor of**

**Fire Chief Charles Leonard Hodges**

**In Witness Thereof this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023**

  
**FREDDY L. JOHNSON SR., CFO**  
Fire Chief / President



  
**MARK A. MELVIN, CFO**  
Fire Chief / Secretary

