



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on this Saturday, September 11, individuals and communities throughout the United States will remember and will reflect on the 20th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack to occur on American soil in the history of our nation, and simultaneously will pause to honor their fellow citizens who were killed on that date or who died later as a direct result of this world-changing tragedy; and

WHEREAS, although those who planned and carried out this despicable unprovoked attack on innocent people intended through their cowardly actions to weaken and demoralize our great nation, America's response reflected this country's strength, patriotism, unity, faith, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, during the hours and days that followed this unprovoked attack on the United States of America, our friends and our enemies throughout the world witnessed the true spirit of America as people from all walks of life, from different races and heritages, and "from sea to shining sea" joined together with acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity to show support for our first responders, for our active duty and reserve military personnel, for the families who lost loved ones or who were facing other devastating tragedies from the history-changing day that we now pointedly identify as "9-11"; and

WHEREAS, although it has been two decades since these heinous attacks cost so many lives on September 11, 2001, in New York City, at the Pentagon in Washington, and in the skies over Pennsylvania and then resulted in many additional deaths in the months and years since 9-11 due to injuries occurring on this historic date and even up to the present time due to various respiratory and other debilitating illnesses and injuries affecting first responders, volunteer workers, and many who were on one of the four planes or were on the ground where this terrorism occurred; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, in Public Law 107-89 the United States Congress designated September 11 each year as Patriot Day, and on April 21, 2009, approved Public Law 111-13 to request Americans to observe September 11 as an annual National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, it is very important that we who were alive at the time of this deadly attack on our nation on September 11, 2001, never forget the pain and anguish of that day and of the following days but also that we never forget the brotherhood and the triumphant overcoming spirit evident among our citizens and in our nation in the days and weeks which followed; and

WHEREAS, today and for the next several days we have a new opportunity to show our support for our nation and its institutions, to show appreciation for our military service personnel and for our first responders, and to show a spirit of patriotism not only on September 11 but also in days to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I am pleased to support, sign, and issue this proclamation.

Michael C. Johnson
Michael C. Johnson, Mayor

