

Suggested Proclamation/Resolution Recognizing and Expressing Support for the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shattered by cowardly terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent and brave people at the World Trade Center towers in New York City, at the United States Pentagon, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Although the terrorists' goal was to strike a powerful blow to the hearts of all Americans and tear at the fabric our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion and determination that will never be forgotten, just as we will never forget those who were lost and injured on that day, and those who rose in service during the rescue and recovery effort and in defense of our nation both here at home and abroad.

In observance of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, which killed citizens from 92 different countries, we hereby adopt the following Proclamation in tribute to those lost and injured on 9/11, and the many who gave of themselves in service to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks:

Whereas people of all ages and walks of life, across America, and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001;

Whereas the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss, and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

Whereas an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage and service; and

Whereas, many brave people heroically, tirelessly and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

Whereas September 11 will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans;

Whereas September 11, 2011 will be the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America; and
Whereas many citizens may wish to memorialize September 11 by engaging in, or making a plan to engage in personal and individual acts of community service, or other giving activities, as part of a solemn day of remembrance and tribute; and

Whereas, on March 19, 2009, the United States Congress passed bipartisan legislation authorizing the establishment of September 11 as a federally recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance, which President Barack Obama signed into law on April 21, 2009 and;

Whereas, the President of the United States, on September 11, 2009, issued the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designating September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, and calling upon all interested Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the _____, in tribute to all of the victims of 9/11 and the many who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will observe September 11, 2011, the 10th Anniversary of 9/11, as a voluntary Day of Service and Remembrance, and furthermore calls upon all its citizens and organizations to consider joining in this observance and to engage in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance and charitable service.