



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

PATRIOT DAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Florida will always remember and honor the 2,977 innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001, as our Nation experienced a series of airline hijackings that led to the worst terrorist attack in United States history; and

WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to our military, law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, and other emergency personnel for the selfless courage they demonstrated in the face of terror while defending our Nation's cherished freedoms; and

WHEREAS, as Americans and Floridians, we must work together to defend our national security, uphold our founding principles of liberty, and ensure that our nation remains the land of the free where such atrocious attacks can never again occur; and

WHEREAS, as one Nation under God, it is our duty to pay tribute to the victims and heroes of the September 11 attacks, ensuring their memory lives on; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks 20 years since this devastating loss, and September 11 will forever serve as a reminder of the tremendous strength, unity, and resilience of our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, by joint resolution, Public Law 107-89, approved December 18, 2001, the Congress of the United States designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day, and by Public Law 111-13, approved April 21, 2009, the Congress of the United States has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2021, as Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance. I call upon the people of our great State to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in honor of those who were killed on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. I hereby direct the flags of the United States of America and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff, from midnight to midnight, at all local and State buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Furthermore, I encourage all other governmental entities, interested groups, and organizations throughout the State to display the National and State flags at half-staff in observance of *Patriot Day*, a National Day of Service and Remembrance.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 10th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE