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Proclaiming September 11, 2022, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in Los Angeles County

On September 11, 2001, a series of airline hijackings and suicide attacks were committed by 19 Anti-American militants against targets in the United States (U.S.), the deadliest terrorist attacks on American soil in U.S. history. Nearly 3,000 people were killed, including 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 military personnel. This terrorist attack triggered major initiatives to combat terrorism in the U.S., including the war on terror, which was launched on October 7, 2001, when the U.S. and allied military forces invaded Afghanistan (Afghan), marking the beginning of the Afghan War.

The Afghan War was the longest war in U.S. History, with U.S. military presence in Afghan ending on August 30, 2021. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, there were over 2,400 U.S. military deaths in the Afghan war. There were also 18 Central Intelligence Agency operative deaths and over 1,800 fatalities of civilian contractors. Additionally, over 20,000 U.S. service members were wounded in combat. As home to the largest population of veterans in the Nation, the County of Los Angeles through the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' supports those brave men and women who answered the call to serve their Country.

September 11, 2022, marks the 21st anniversary of the day we recognize as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance. On this day, we honor every life

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that was taken too soon. We honor the first responders — firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency workers, and service members — and the brave civilians who rushed into action to save lives that day. Their courage embodies the American spirit and their heroism continues to inspire new generations of Americans.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim September 11, 2022, as “Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance” in the County of Los Angeles (County), recognizing our first responders — firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency workers, and service members — for the support and for the vital services they provide to all our communities.
2. Direct all County Departments to display the flag of the United States and the County Flag at half-staff on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
3. Call upon the people of the County to participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost, to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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