



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the enemies of liberty took aim on America and carried out an unprecedented act of terrorism on our homeland, claiming the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children. Today, 23 years later, we hold true to our vow to "never forget" and honor the lives and memories of those taken from us at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the lone field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, this act of sheer terrorism was felt by every race, background, and faith. It was meant to cripple the strength and character of our great nation. However, through the dust and ashes, our country emerged resilient and even more united as one.

WHEREAS, while shock and unimaginable despair pierced through our country, the true source of America's strength prevailed. Americans engaged in countless acts of courage, grit, and selflessness. We were inspired by videos of pure strangers and co-workers helping one another to safety while our first responders, never looked back, and fearlessly rushed into the burning twin towers. We were moved by the heroism of the passengers and crew aboard United Flight 93, who sacrificed their lives to prevent further acts of terror and loss of life. The sacrifices of these true patriots make us proud to be Americans.

WHEREAS, throughout history, Americans and first responders have done the extraordinary through selfless acts of patriotism, compassion, and uncommon courage. On September 11, 2001, heroism superseded the act of terror. First Responders looked evil in the eye as they sacrificed themselves in the call of duty to save their fellow man. While the world was watching, Americans bound themselves to remain steadfast in our commitment to liberty, human dignity, and one another.

WHEREAS, today, we pay tribute to those who lost their lives and those who risked their lives in the rescue and recovery operations from this fateful day. Our prayers are with the survivors of those who have been faced with the never-ending pain and heartache from this act of terrorism. We continue to thank those who sacrifice daily to serve and protect our great Nation. We will forever be reminded that the sacrifices of our patriots, will never break our courage, strength, and freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024 as

Patriot Day

in Prattville, Alabama. I urge all citizens to spend this day in remembrance of the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of Prattville on the 11th day of September 2024.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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