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RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE AND REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11 - "NATIONAL PATRIOT DAY"

SPONSOR

Commissioner Hank Henning

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, twelve years ago this month, nearly three thousand innocent men, women, and children lost their lives in attacks meant to terrorize our Nation. We will never undo the pain and injustice borne that terrible morning, nor will we ever forget those we lost; and,

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, amid shattered glass, twisted steel, and clouds of dust, the spirit of America shone through. We remember the sacrifice of strangers and first responders who rushed into darkness to carry others from danger. We remember the unbreakable bonds of unity we felt in the long days that followed -- how we came to our neighbors' aid, and how we prayed for one another. We recall how Americans of every station joined together to support the survivors in their hour of need and to heal our Nation in the years that followed; and,

WHEREAS, we can honor those we lost by building a Nation worthy of their memories. Let us also live up to the selfless example of the heroes who gave of themselves in the face of such great evil. As we mark the anniversary of September 11, I invite all Americans to observe a National Day of Service and Remembrance by uniting in the same extraordinary way we came together after the attacks. Like the Americans who chose compassion when confronted

with cruelty, we can show our support for one another by devoting our time and talents to those in need. I encourage all Americans to find ways to get involved in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, as we serve and remember, we reaffirm our ties to one another. On September 11, 2001, no matter where we came from, what religion we practiced, or what race or ethnicity we were, we were united as one American family. May the same be said of us today and always; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Guilford County that we hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Wednesday, September 11, 2019, as **Patriot Day**. On this day let us solemnly remember all those who lost their lives: our first responders, family member and friends.

FURTHERMORE, we direct the appropriate officials of the County to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on "Patriot Day," to be flown at half-staff during this National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, we call upon the people of Guilford County to seek out and 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 of September 11, 2001.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adopt resolution in observance and remembrance of September 11 as "National Patriot Day".