



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

PATRIOT DAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, our Country withstood the worst terrorist attack on United States soil, which tragically ended nearly three thousand innocent lives; and

WHEREAS, seventeen years later the citizens of Florida and the United States continue to mourn and remember those who lost their lives that day; and

WHEREAS, we honor those who, during our darkest hours, displayed immense selflessness, courage, and patriotism as they boldly ran towards danger to help their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, we honor and pay tribute to the brave men and women in uniform serving our Country around the world, as well as our dedicated members of law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, and other first responders who work diligently every day to keep us safe and free; and

WHEREAS, we remember the members of our armed forces and first responders who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom and security, and honor those who continue to serve our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we continue to stand united as a State and as one Nation under God in our fight against terrorism both at home and abroad, and in defense of the freedoms we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, individuals, organizations, and communities throughout Florida and across the Country will gather on this seventeenth anniversary to perform acts of charity, prayer, and to comfort and support one another as they honor our Nation and the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; 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, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 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 sunrise to sunset, at all local and State buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. 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, 2018.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


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