

## HONORING SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> as PATRIOT DAY & NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, the United States of America suffered coordinated terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of 2,977 innocent people and forever changed our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember the extraordinary courage of first responders and civilian heroes who rushed toward danger to save others, including 343 firefighters, 23 members of the New York City Police Department, 37 members of the Port Authority Police Department, and 125 military and civilian personnel at the Pentagon; and

**WHEREAS**, the selfless actions of the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, who sacrificed their lives to prevent further loss, stand as a timeless testament to American bravery and unity; and

**WHEREAS**, the families of the fallen, the survivors, and the countless Americans who served in the days, months, and years that followed continue to bear the weight of that day, reminding us of our duty to support them with compassion and resolve; and

**WHEREAS,** Patriot Day is also a National Day of Service and Remembrance, calling on every American to honor the memory of those lost by performing acts of service, strengthening community ties, and renewing our commitment to preparedness and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Everman recognizes and honors our own first responders—Police, Fire/EMS, Emergency Management, Code, Public Works, and the dedicated professionals of our regional communications center—whose daily service and readiness protect our neighbors and safeguard our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we affirm that remembrance without action is incomplete, and we pledge to transform memory into meaningful service, training, and readiness that keep Everman safe and strong.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Everman City Council does hereby proclaim September 11, 2025 as PATRIOT DAY & NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE in Everman, and I encourage all residents to (1) observe a moment of silence at 7:46 a.m. CDT (8:46 a.m. EDT) and at appropriate times throughout the morning; (2) display the United States flag at half-staff from sunrise to sunset in honor of the victims and in tribute to first responders and service members; and (3) engage in acts of service, preparedness training, and community support that reflect the unity and spirit that carried our nation forward.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2025.

September 9, 2025	
Date of Enactment	Ray Richardson, Mayor