



# *Proclamation*

## *Patriot Day 2024*

*from the Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS,** On September 11, 2001, the United States suffered a grievous loss. Nearly 3,000 individuals lost their lives in these terrorist attacks, creating an irreplaceable void in the fabric of our nation, and;

**WHEREAS,** Patriot Day is a National Day of Service and Remembrance that serves as a solemn tribute to those who were lost in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, and a way to honor their sacrifice through service to our community, and;

**WHEREAS,** Firefighters on the scene tirelessly scaled up to 110 flights of stairs in hopes they could save people from the burning towers, knowing fully those grueling steps were likely the last ones they would ever take, and;

**WHEREAS,** In the aftermath of this unprecedented tragedy, Americans came together in a profound display of service, goodwill, and unity, and affirmed that the character of our nation is one of resilience and hope, even in the darkest of times, and;

**WHEREAS,** On this day, we recognize the selflessness and bravery shown by the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, construction workers, passengers, colleagues, strangers, and patriots who gave their life to save another.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Meredith Bare Smith, Mayor of Landis, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, "Patriot Day" in the Town of Landis, and urge all residents to join me in honoring these patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice, and whose memory will forever remain etched into the collective heart of our nation.**

**I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the Town of Landis, North Carolina, to be affixed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024**

**Meredith Bare Smith, Mayor**