



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, when our nation faced an unprecedented attack on U.S. soil, and the American people responded with remarkable courage and heroism; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of this tragedy, Americans came together, demonstrating unity and compassion as they supported one another, grieved together, and began the challenging task of rebuilding their communities, neighborhood by neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day to honor and remember the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, family members of the victims, first responders, and others established "9/11 Day" to ensure that the anniversary of the September 11 attacks would be marked by acts of service and volunteerism, fulfilling the commitment to "Never Forget"; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2009, Congress passed the Serve America Act, designating September 11 as an annual "National Day of Service and Remembrance" and entrusted the AmeriCorps agency with leading this nationwide initiative; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks, it is fitting to honor the resilience and strength of the American people through acts of service to our nation and local communities; and

WHEREAS, by participating in this National Day of Service and Remembrance, we pay homage to those who lost their lives or were injured, recognize the bravery of first responders and those who continue to serve our country, including active duty and reserve soldiers, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations—including nonprofits, faith-based groups, public agencies, educational institutions, private businesses, and individuals—are organizing activities across the nation to observe September 11 as a day of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2026 as

PATRIOT DAY and a NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Lake Forest Park and encourage all members of the community to honor the fallen and celebrate the enduring American spirit of resilience through acts of service.

Signed this 10th day of September 2026

Tom French, Mayor