

PROCLAMATION
Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, 2023

WHEREAS, Twenty-two years ago, the United States endured one of the most unconscionable tragedies in our country's history. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and onboard United Flight 93 cut short the lives of 2,977 innocent people. These attacks tore a hole in the heart of our Nation, and the pain of this tragedy still remains; and

WHEREAS, Each year on this somber date, we remember the horror and bravery shown that day, just as we remember how we came together, united in grief and in purpose. Each year, we renew our solemn vow never to forget what happened on September 11, 2001, or those who lost their lives. A date that has become known as Patriot's Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, On this date, we honor the first responders — firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency workers, and service members — who answered the call of duty and the brave civilians who rushed into action to save lives that day. Their courage embodies the American spirit and resilience, and their heroism continues to inspire new generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, On Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, we encourage our staff, residents, and businesses to seek opportunities to serve others on this day and to demonstrate once again that the ideals we hold, which many have tried to attack and destroy, are the very bonds that hold us together — even tighter in times of peril; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Madison Heights do hereby proclaim September 11, 2023, and each September 11 thereafter as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance and call upon all departments, schools, and businesses in the City to display the flag of the United States at half-staff on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon the people of Madison Heights to 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 on September 11, 2001.



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