



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance **September 11, 2024**

- WHEREAS:** On September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists, killing thousands of innocent people in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and
- WHEREAS:** On this 23rd anniversary of that terrible day, we pay tribute to the 37 Middletown residents who were senselessly killed in the World Trade Center attacks and those who have died from 9/11-related illnesses, including late Detective Lt. Joseph Capriotti, known as the “keeper of the list”. He personally notified every Middletown family who lost a loved one that day. Their deaths have left indelible holes in the fabric of our tight-knit community; and
- WHEREAS:** In the aftermath of these horrific attacks, thousands of Americans displayed the highest levels of bravery and selflessness, risking or sacrificing their own lives to save their fellow citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** We pay homage to the emergency responders and ordinary citizens who performed extraordinary acts of courage and valor during our nation's most dire moment of need; and
- WHEREAS:** The tragic events of September 11, 2001 have unified our nation against the forces of hatred and oppression and reaffirmed our dedication to the fundamental American ideals of freedom and liberty; and
- WHEREAS:** A remembrance ceremony will be held at the Middletown World Trade Center Memorial Gardens on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at **7:00 PM**. As we gather at the Gardens, we are once again demonstrating the resiliency, determination, compassion, strength, and patriotism that define us as Americans. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024 as **Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance** in the Township of Middletown. We urge all citizens to honor those who lost their lives and reflect upon America’s proud tradition of freedom and bravery as we renew our commitment to serving our community, state, and nation.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this third day of September in the year two thousand twenty-four*

Mayor Tony Perry