

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, 22 years ago today, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth hijacked aircraft crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to take control of the aircraft in order to prevent the hijackers from crashing the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were by far the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States, killing thousands of innocent people; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the attacks the people of the United States stood united in providing support for those in need, and we will not forget the events of that terrible morning nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania – with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens, our Nation found unity, focus, and strength. We found healing in the national outpouring of compassion for those lost, as tens of millions of Americans participated in moments of silence, candlelight vigils, and religious services. From the tragedy of September 11th emerged a stronger Nation, renewed by a spirit of national pride and a true love of country; and

WHEREAS, by Act of Congress of the United States dated December 18, 2001, Public Law 107-89 was passed designating each September 11th as "PATRIOT DAY" and requesting The President to issue, each year, a proclamation calling on State and local governments and the people of the United States to observe Patriot Day with appropriate programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States and interested organizations and individuals are requested to display the flag of the United States at half staff and that the people of the United States observe a moment of silence on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, survivors of homicide victims use their tragedies to tell stories of pain and anger inflicted by a homicide. They have rejected paths of retaliation, shame, and isolation and instead lean toward learning and teaching lessons of compassion and peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mission grieves for those who lost their lives and offers its deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of the City of Mission, Texas, do hereby recognize and proclaim September 11th, 2023, as "PATRIOT DAY" in the City of Mission in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States and urge the citizens of the City of Mission to observe a moment of silence in their memory.

PROCLAIMED on this the 11th day of September, 2023.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Abiel Flores, Councilman

Alberto Vela, Councilman