

September 11 Proclamation

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the United States was forever changed. Terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Center in New York City, eventually causing the collapse of the towers. Additional planes crashed into the Pentagon and in western Pennsylvania, causing even more destruction and triggering panic throughout the country and the world.

The September 11 attacks on America by al-Qaeda left an indelible mark on our nation's history. As the deadliest terrorist attacks in world history, 2977 lives were lost that day, including people from 93 nations, making it truly an international event. In addition, over 6000 people were injured, and many additional lives have been lost since then as a result of exposure to the material at the wreckage sites.

Today, the site of the World Trade Center has been transformed into the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. It features two large reflecting pools with waterfalls and memorializes the names of those lost that day. It provides a place for reflection and education on the events of September 11, 2001.

Since that day, September 11 is now known as Patriot's Day, in memory of all those lost on 9/11. Although that day was one of the worst tragedies in our nation's history, it united our country and showed the world the strength and resilience of the American people.

On this 18th anniversary of 9/11, we take time to remember those lost, the families of the victims, the first responders, and everyone affected by the tragedy that day. I encourage you to look for ways to honor the victims by volunteering in your local community to make a positive impact on our country and world.

Let us never forget those lost today and each day. My God bless them and God bless America!