



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, all New Yorkers join in solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001 – a day that forever changed our state and nation, and that brought immense pain and heartbreak through such devastating loss of life; and

Whereas, in marking this 23rd anniversary, we remember those taken from us, knowing that a generation of children have grown up without a parent taken from them on that day, and we mourn for all people who loved and lost family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, and whose hearts are wounded and will never fully heal; and

Whereas, on September 11, 2001 the entire world witnessed the unparalleled courage and commitment to duty shown by members of law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical teams, and disaster response units across our country called to scenes of destruction in Lower Manhattan, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.; and

Whereas, this included members of our Nation's military, among them 4,265 members of the New York Army and Air National Guard who were the first military responders working on the ground at the World Trade Center and protecting the airspace over the New York metropolitan area; in the following months and years, they continued to serve by providing security and support to workers at Ground Zero, and many of these soldiers and airmen deployed overseas to fight the global war on terrorism; and

Whereas, we also remember the many first responders who suffered adverse health effects and succumbed to cancer and other serious illnesses in these years following 9/11, and those who continue to endure both physical and emotional trauma to this day; and

Whereas, each year on this anniversary, ceremonies are held across our country and Americans renew our pledge to never forget those souls lost on September 11, 2001, as we reflect upon the freedoms, rights, and values we hold highest; and

Whereas, in the 23 years since the attacks, people and communities across our nation have shown remarkable faith, patriotism, and solidarity, and on September 5th, we raised the official New York State September 11th Memorial Flag above the State Capitol for a one-week period leading up to the September 11th anniversary date; and

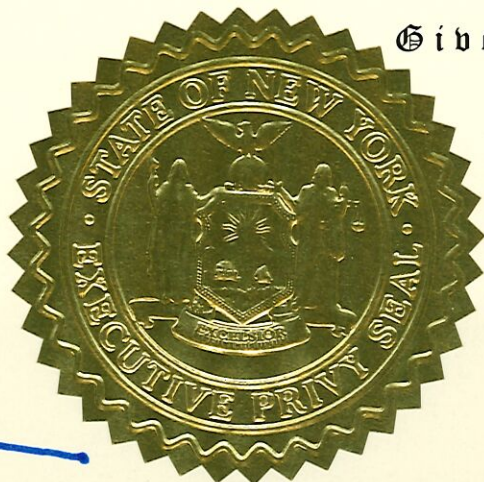
Whereas, the Memorial Flag is flown in remembrance of those who perished, with respect for them and for the survivors we are thankful to have with us, and bears the message, "We Remember," echoing the faces, the stories, and the heroes of that day as we recommit ourselves to sharing those memories with future generations – especially the progeny of those who died; and

Whereas, 23 years later, New Yorkers join to honor the memory of those lost to the family of humankind on September 11, 2001 and in the days, months, and years that have followed, and we take comfort in knowing that people around the world continue to share tremendous compassion and sorrow evoked by recollections of that unforgettable day;

Now, Therefore, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 5 - 11, 2024 as

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in the Empire State and ask all to observe this anniversary throughout the week and for generations to come.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this ninth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Kathy Hochul
Governor

Karen Persichilli Keogh

Secretary to the Governor
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