

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the United States of America, *the land of the free and the home of the brave*, suffered its worst attack on our nation's soil on September 11, 2001, when nineteen militants hijacked four airplanes from three U.S. airports, and it shattered our country's sense of peace and security when they each hit their targets of both the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and with an unknown destination, the last plane crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania when the passengers bravely, but unsuccessfully tried to take control from the hijackers; and

WHEREAS, on that terrible day known as 9/11, almost 3,000 Americans and visitors from around the world lost their lives, and many more would have perished if not for the efforts and bravery of our nation's first responders and other citizens willing to help people survive, and on December 18, 2001, George W. Bush, America's 43rd President, signed a resolution named Public Law 107-89 proclaiming September 11th every year be designated **Patriot Day** in memory of those who lost their lives on that horrific day; and

WHEREAS, the *Serve America Act* was passed by the United States Congress on April 21, 2009, recognizing September 11th as the **National Day of Service and Remembrance** to honor those individuals who lost their lives and to never forget this tragedy in our history, and AmeriCorps, a national service organization, was charged with leading this nationwide effort; additionally, a moment of silence is observed each 9/11 at precisely 8:46 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to commemorate the time when the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center's North Tower; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses, and individuals throughout the United States plan meaningful programs on **National Day of Service and Remembrance** to honor those killed and injured and their families, and to pay tribute to the 9/11 responders and heroes including fire and police personnel, military active-duty, reserve and veterans, and countless volunteers and search animals, and the day provides an opportunity for the nation to unite in service while commemorating this truly significant day; and

WHEREAS, the 9/11 Day organization, in partnership with AmeriCorps and Feeding America affiliated food banks, are organizing **Meal Packing Events** across the nation, a hunger relief project in commemoration of National Day of Service and Remembrance, and locally, Learn and Serve Tampa, Inc., dedicated to Connecting Classrooms, Causes, and Communities, is joining in this worthy 9/11 Day cause, held at the Yuengling Center at the University of South Florida on Monday, September 11, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 11, 2023, as

"NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to observe this significant day by paying tribute and remembering what our nation suffered and lost and ; let us resolve to keep our country safe from harm and aggression.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September 2023.




Mayor