

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 innocent lives were taken, during unthinkable terror attacks on the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 343 New York City firefighters, and 23 New York City police officers died during their heroic response to the attacks, and many more have suffered or died due to related illness in the time since; and

**WHEREAS**, the attacks on our nation inspired many Americans to join our military or become first responders, including some of our heroes in Chapel Hill; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember and pay tribute to the lives we lost and the families who live with extraordinary grief; and

**WHEREAS**, in the years since the attacks, our common values have only strengthened our resolve to defend freedom and inspire acts of service; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 200 heroes currently serve as proud first responders with the Chapel Hill Police and Fire Departments, who put their lives on the line every day in the most noble form of community service.

**NOW THEREFORE**, we the Chapel Hill Town Council do hereby proclaim September 11, 2025 to be

## Patriot Day

in the Town of Chapel Hill and urge everyone to observe a moment of silence to honor the innocent victims who died 24 years ago, to commit to an act of service in remembrance of the sacrifices during and since the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, and to recognize the heroes who serve our community.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, ON THIS THE TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE.