



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**PATRIOT DAY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

**WHEREAS, Florida will always remember and honor the 2,977 innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001, when our Nation endured the worst terrorist attack in United States history; and**

**WHEREAS, we owe a debt of gratitude to our military, law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, and other emergency personnel for the selfless courage they demonstrated in the face of terror while defending our Nation's cherished freedoms that day and thereafter; and**

**WHEREAS, as Americans and Floridians, we must work together to defend our national security, uphold our founding principles, and ensure that our nation remains the land of the free; and**

**WHEREAS, as one Nation under God, it is our duty to pay tribute to the victims and heroes of the September 11 attacks, ensuring their memory lives on; and**

**WHEREAS, 2024 marks 23 years since this devastating loss, and September 11 will forever serve as a reminder of the tremendous strength, unity, and resilience of our great Nation; and**

**WHEREAS, by joint resolution, Public Law 107-89, approved December 18, 2001, the Congress of the United States designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day, and by Public Law 111-13, approved April 21, 2009, the Congress of the United States has requested the observance of September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024, as Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance. I call upon the people of our great State to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time in honor of those who were killed on September 11, 2001, in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. I hereby direct the flags of the United States of America and the State of Florida to be flown at half-staff, from midnight to midnight, at all local and State buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the State of Florida on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Furthermore, I encourage all other governmental entities, interested groups, and organizations throughout the State to display the National and State flags at half-staff in observance of *Patriot Day*, a National Day of Service and Remembrance.**



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-four.**

  
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Governor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary of State