Proclamation
Office of the Mayor

SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL PROCLAMATION

On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shattered by cowardly terrorist attacks that killed 2,977 innocent people at the World Trade Center towers in New York City, at The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Although the terrorists' goal was to strike a powerful blow to the hearts of all Americans and tear at the fabric of our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten, just as we will never forget those who were lost and injured on that day, and in the days and years that followed, and those who rose in service during the rescue and recovery efforts and in defense of our nation both here at home and abroad.

In observance of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on America, we hereby adopt the following Proclamation dedicated to those victims and heroes lost and injured on September 11, 2001, including Emerson resident Gary Albero, and the many who gave of themselves in service and sacrifice to their communities and to this country in the aftermath of the attacks:

Whereas, Americans and people from around the world witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss, and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

Whereas, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, and service; and

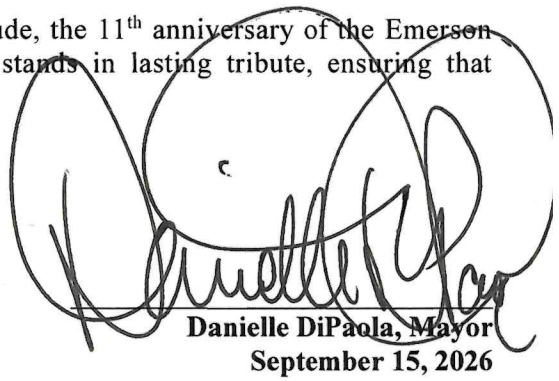
Whereas, many brave people heroically, tirelessly, and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

Whereas, September 11th will never, *and should never*, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and

Whereas, on December 18, 2001, Congress adopted P.L. 107-89 designating September 11th as Patriot Day, and on April 21, 2009, Congress passed bipartisan legislation P.L. 111-13 establishing September 11th as a federally recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance, calling upon all Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Emerson, in tribute to all of the victims and the many who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, observe September 11, 2026, the 25th anniversary, as a Voluntary Day of Service and Remembrance, and furthermore call upon all Emersonians to consider joining in this observance by engaging in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance, and community service, as well as recommitting to the spirt of unity and patriotism that was displayed in the days following; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and Council recognize, with gratitude, the 11th anniversary of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department's commissioning of a 9/11 memorial, which stands in lasting tribute, ensuring that Emerson will Never Forget.



Danielle DiPaola, Mayor
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