

## ~ Proclamation ~

**Whereas**, Sept. 11, 2001 was a defining moment in United States history, when the American people endured with courage and heroism an unspeakable act of terrorism that shocked the world and killed more people on American soil in any one day since the close of the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, the nearly 3,000 men, women and children who died 15 years ago in New York City, Washington, D.C. and a Pennsylvania field were from 70 countries and many faiths; and

**Whereas**, 343 firefighters, 61 police officers and eight medical technicians and paramedics perished as they answered the call of duty to their chosen professions, rushing to the aid of those in the burning World Trade Center moments before the collapse of the center's Twin Towers; and

**Whereas**, in the years since, the scores of Ground Zero first responders who have succumbed to illnesses linked to their unflagging efforts amid the toxic rubble of the towers remind us that the jobs of first responders are fraught with danger and risk; and

**Whereas**, more than 1,500 firefighters and 2,000 law enforcement officers nationwide have died in the line of duty since the 9/11 terror attacks on our country and the values we hold dear; and

**Whereas**, among the most recent were five police officers in Dallas, Texas and three in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who were deliberately gunned down in July because they wore the uniform of a law enforcement officer.

**Now, therefore**, we, the Board of County Councilors, proclaim Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, a time of solemn commemoration for those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11 and in the following years, and we proclaim thanks to all local first responders who risk life and limb for the common good and urge residents to join us in honoring the members of our Sheriff's Office and police departments, fire departments, fire districts and medical services across Clark County.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2016

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