

~ Proclamation ~

Whereas, on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, four American commercial passenger airplanes were hijacked and transformed into weapons of terrorism that left 2,977 people dead and another 6,000 injured; and

Whereas, the attacks cut short the lives of school children, bankers, waitresses, military officers, pilots, flight attendants, teachers, insurance agents, technology experts, buyers, grandparents, accountants, doctors, vacationers, engineers, salesmen, researchers, lawyers and construction workers, all ranging in age from 2 to 85 and some yet to be born; and

Whereas, from the dust and debris of New York City, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, America's generous spirit prevailed as amateurs and trained responders alike raced to the aid of strangers, and neighbor turned to neighbor in support of one another and our nation; and

Whereas, the attacks could not shake or shatter the strength, resiliency and patriotism of the American people who remained united in their commitment to the ideals of equality, justice, liberty and democracy, with many volunteering to make sacrifices in far-off places; and

Whereas, since 2002, Americans have observed Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance in honor of those who perished and those who reached out to help save and rebuild lives, participating in charitable acts that strengthen communities, enhance lives and care for the environment.

Now, therefore, the Board of County Councilors hereby proclaims Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016, as

~ National Day of Service and Remembrance ~

in Clark County and urge all those who can to spend the day volunteering, for by volunteering, we strengthen connections, build community and become more understanding, compassionate citizens.

Signed this 6th day of September 2016.

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