

WHEREAS, we will never forget September 11, 2001 — the tragic day when al-Qaida launched a series of coordinated terrorist attacks on the United States, killing almost 3,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of devastation at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the spirit of America arose; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans and the rest of the nation united in support of survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, September 11 was made a national day of mourning called Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, on Patriot Day, we honor the brave, devoted members of our law enforcement, public safety, and intelligence communities, who work diligently and tirelessly to protect us; and

WHEREAS, we also honor the heroic men and women of our Armed Forces, including many Ohioans, who have answered the call to defend America both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, we also remember those lost in the attacks, including many with ties to Ohio, by showing compassion for others and giving of ourselves; and

WHEREAS, after two decades, September 11 continues to be a somber day of remembrance and reflection, when Ohioans come together and honor the memory and sacrifices of everyone lost that day and in the years after in defense of freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize the

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

on this 11th day of September 2021.

Mike DeWine Governor

Jon Husted Lieutenant Governor