

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the United States of America, *the land of the free and the home of the brave*, was attacked on September 11, 2001, when nineteen militants hijacked four airplanes from three U.S. airports, and it shattered our country's sense of peace and security when they each hit their targets of both the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and with an unknown destination, the last plane crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania when the passengers bravely, but unsuccessfully tried to take control from the hijackers; and

WHEREAS, on that terrible day, almost 3,000 Americans and citizens visiting from around the world lost their lives, and many more would have perished if not for the efforts and bravery of our nation's first responders and other citizens willing to help people survive; and

WHEREAS, President George W. Bush signed a resolution into law (Public Law 107-89) on December 18, 2001, proclaiming a **National Day of Service and Remembrance**, to be held annually on September 11th (9-11) with appropriate programs and activities, in order to honor those individuals who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attack, and to never forget this tragic event in our history; and

WHEREAS, additionally, a moment of silence is observed each 9-11 at precisely 8:46 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), to commemorate the time when the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center's North Tower; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses and individuals plan meaningful programs to recognize the National Day of Service and Remembrance, including Mission BBQ, founded on September 11, 2011, in Glen Burnie, Maryland on the tenth anniversary of the 9-11 event, and the company-owned restaurants are located around the nation, with its goal of reminding everyone each day what makes the United States of America great – its' heroes; and

WHEREAS, locally, Mission BBQ at the University of South Florida location is hosting a community event, *Mission BBQ's 9-11 Commemoration and First Responders Tribute* on Friday, September 11, 2020, to honor those Fallen Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and other First Responders whose lives were lost as a result of that tragedy, to communicate the resilience of our nation, and to show appreciation for present-day front line protectors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 11, 2020 as

“NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens thank Mission BBQ for providing the opportunity to observe this significant day to pay tribute and remember what our nation lost and how we suffered, and let us all resolve to keep our country safe from harm and aggression.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor