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PROCLAMATION

PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE 2026

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that took the lives of 2,977 innocent people at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania**; and**

WHEREAS, a quarter of a century later, the citizens of Lincolnton continue to mourn the devastating loss of those mothers, fathers, children, siblings, friends, and colleagues, pledging to honor their memories by upholding the values of freedom, unity, and community**; and**

WHEREAS, we remember with deep gratitude the extraordinary heroism of the first responders—firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and ordinary citizens—who ran toward danger to save others, many making the ultimate sacrifice; **and**

WHEREAS, the resilience, unity, and compassion shown by the American people in the aftermath of that tragic day remain a powerful testament to the enduring strength and character of our nation; **and**

WHEREAS, Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day" and "National Day of Service and Remembrance," inviting all Americans to transform a day of profound tragedy into a day of solemn tribute and community action; **and**

WHEREAS, through acts of service, volunteerism, and kindness, the people of Lincolnton can bridge divides, strengthen our neighborhoods, and renew our shared commitment to one another and to the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ed Hatley and the Lincolnton City Council of the City of Lincolnton, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2026, as:

"PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE"

I CALL UPON all citizens, local government agencies, businesses, and schools in Lincolnton to observe this 25th anniversary, and to participate in community service projects that embody the spirit of unity and resilience.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lincolnton to be affixed this 3rd day of September, 2026.

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Ed Hatley
Mayor, City of Lincolnton