



WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life, across America and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on **September 11, 2001**; and the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage, and service; and

WHEREAS, countless fire and police departments, first responders, and volunteers heroically, tirelessly, and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own lives at risk; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the United States Congress passed bipartisan legislation authorizing the establishment of September 11 as a federally recognized **National Day of Service and Remembrance**, which President Barack Obama signed into law; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans, and many may wish to memorialize September 11 by engaging in personal and individual acts of community service, or other giving activities, as part of a solemn day of remembrance and tribute; and

WHEREAS, **September 11, 2026**, marks the **25th Anniversary** of the attacks—an occasion for solemn reflection, national unity, and renewed commitment to the ideals of service, resilience, and shared purpose that define the American spirit;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **September 11, 2026**, as **9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance** in tribute to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and to the many who rose in service in response to the attacks; and we urge the Rockville community to observe **September 11, 2026**, as a voluntary **Day of Service and Remembrance**.



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