

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, the unprovoked, tragic terrorist attacks on our nation on September 11, 2001, will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, we honor and remember the nearly 3,000 Americans who lost their lives in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the heroism of the first responders – the firefighters, police, and emergency personnel and citizens who came to the aid of others immediately following the attacks, and mourn the loss of many who died rescuing victims of the attacks; and

WHEREAS, following the attacks, many Alaskans travelled to Ground Zero in New York to volunteer their time and skills to aid in the recovery effort, and many others joined Americans from across the nation in donating blood, supplies, and resources to assist the injured, and supporting those impacted with compassion; and

WHEREAS, on this day and every day, we as Americans reflect on the importance to our nation of freedom, tolerance, patriotism, diversity, and respect for others, and are grateful for the rights and freedoms that we hold as Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National September 11 Memorial and Museum now stands at the site of the former World Trade Center, and includes a memorial exhibition dedicated to commemorating the unique life of each victim who died in the February 26, 1993 WTC bombing and the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2017 as:

September 11th Commemoration Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to take this day as one of service and compassion in remembrance of the fallen and their families, and in honor of all our first responders, caregivers, and service men and women, who protect the American people.

Dated: September 1, 2017



Bill Walker

Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.