

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Bill Walker*

WHEREAS, the unprovoked, tragic terrorist attacks that struck the United States of America fourteen years ago on September 11, 2001, will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, we pay homage to the nearly three thousand innocent men, women, and children who lost their lives in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania on that ill-fated day when 19 men hijacked four commercial flights bound for the west coast, flying them into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon. The fourth airliner crashed in a field just outside of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew fought for their lives and control of the plane; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the heroism and determination of the firefighters, emergency personnel, police, and others who did their utmost to save the lives of their fellow Americans. We remember the sacrifice of hundreds of first responders in New York City who died while rescuing victims, many knowing they would not return; and

WHEREAS, following the attacks, many Alaskans travelled to the 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 prayers and compassion; 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, 2015 as:

September 11th Commemoration Day

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to consider 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 8, 2015



A blue ink signature of Bill Walker.

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