

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, on 8:46 AM, on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center; and

**WHEREAS**, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 AM, hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

**WHEREAS**, at 9:37 AM, the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

**WHEREAS**, at approximately 10:00 AM, the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

**WHEREAS**, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including nearly 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 years later, the people of the United States, people around the world and people in the Township of Ocean continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009 and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of service and Remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth that it does hereby join with the rest of the United States in:

1. recognizing September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation;
2. offering its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;
3. honor the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of the first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives;
4. recognize the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States;
5. reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and
6. On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic day in United States history -

(A) calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011 including –

- (i) media outlets;
- (ii) houses of worship;
- (iii) military organizations;
- (iv) veterans organizations;
- (v) airlines;
- (vi) airports;
- (vii) railroads;
- (viii) sports teams;
- (ix) the Federal Government;
- (x) State and local governments;
- (xi) Police, fire, and other public institutions;
- (xii) Educational institutions
- (xiii) Businesses; and
- (xiv) Other public and private institutions; and

(B) encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to the last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable –

- (i) ceasing all work or other activity; and
- (ii) marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens

Record of Vote	Deputy Mayor Siciliano	Councilman Evans	Councilman Garofalo	Councilwoman Schepiga	Mayor Larkin
Motion To Approve					
Motion to Second					
Approved					
Opposed					
Not Voting/Recuse					
Absent/Excused					

**CERTIFICATION**

*I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution passed by the Township of Ocean Governing Body at their meeting held on **August 8, 2011.***

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Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Township Clerk