

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

This 11th of September, 2021 marks 20 years since the horrific Al-Qaeda terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. The events of September 11 claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 men and women and irrevocably changed the world as we knew it.

Every year since, we have observed September 11 as Patriot Day to commemorate those who perished in the attacks and honor the courageous first responders and men and women from all walks of life who took action to protect others, many losing their lives or suffering long-term injuries and health impacts from their service.

This Patriot Day, we reflect on the past 20 years, remembering those we lost and honoring the service members who answered our nation's call in the aftermath of the attacks, including the heroes we tragically lost last month in Afghanistan.

On this somber anniversary, I have ordered all flags on state buildings to be flown at half-staff. Let us continue to make a commitment to "never forget" and uphold the patriotic values of equality, opportunity and freedom.

**NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2021, as Patriot Day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State