

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN**
2 **OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE IN**
3 **REMEMBRANCE OF SOULS LOST IN THE 2001, 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS ON**
4 **AMERICA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS** on September 11, 2001, a group of small and hateful minds, terrorists
7 hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade
8 Center in New York City, a third into the Pentagon outside just outside Washington, D.C.,
9 and the fourth crashed in southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take
10 control of the aircraft in order to prevent the hijackers from crashing the aircraft into an
11 important symbol of democracy and freedom; and

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13 **WHEREAS** these terrorist attacks were by far the deadliest ever launched against
14 the United States, killing thousands of people; and conspired to threaten the very fiber of
15 our country, seeking to break the American spirit and destroy our way of life; and

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17 **WHEREAS** twenty years later, we pay tribute to the loss of those souls, reflect on
18 treasured memories of those we lost, and resolve to never forget that day, even as we
19 look toward a brighter and more hopeful future; and

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21 **WHEREAS** we draw inspiration from the survivors who still bear the scars—both
22 seen and unseen—of that tragic day, as we honor the valor of first responders, whose
23 instinct was not to find safety for themselves, but to run toward untold danger; and

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25 **WHEREAS** we show our gratitude to those young Fulton County residents and
26 other Americans of the 9/11 Generation, who until that day lived knowing only peace, but
27 who have answered our country's call to serve under the American flag to meet the threats
28 of our present day with bravery and distinction; and

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30 **WHEREAS** since 9/11, the people of Fulton County have joined Americans and
31 others around the world demonstrating that in times of hardship and hurt, the values that
32 define us do not simply endure—they grow stronger than ever through collective support,
33 comradeship, prayers and service to each other.

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35 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fulton County Board of
36 Commissioners, on behalf of the more than one million people who call live and work in
37 Fulton County, remembers and pays tribute to the selfless heroes and innocent victims
38 of September 11, 2001; and

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40 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that twenty years after the fact, Fulton County again
41 reaffirms the true spirit of patriotism, service, and unity that Fulton citizens felt in the days
42 and months that followed the 9/11 attacks; and

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44 **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that this year, Fulton County hereby observes
45 September 11, 2021, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, as
46 enacted by the U.S. Congress, and in accordance with that observance, all Fulton County
47 buildings shall display the flag of the United States at half-staff in honor of the individuals
48 who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fulton County encourages all its citizens to participate in the day of service by volunteering time, skills and working together to enrich communities across Fulton County, and to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services, and to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Time.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this _____ day of September 2021.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPONSORED BY:

Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner
District 6

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3 ATTEST:

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5 Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission
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8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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11 Kaye Woodard Burwell, Interim County Attorney