

The City of East Peoria



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the American people demonstrated that in times of hardship, the values that define us do not simply endure -- they are stronger than ever; and

WHEREAS, as a Nation, we responded to unthinkable tragedy with an outpouring of service and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, on that dark day, first responders rushed into a burning Pentagon and climbed the stairs of smoking towers on the verge of collapse, while citizens risked their own health and safety to prevent further heartbreak and destruction; and

WHEREAS, as Americans, we came together to help our country recover and rebuild, today, we pay tribute to the selfless heroes and innocent victims of September 11, 2001, and we reaffirm the spirit of patriotism, service, and unity that we felt in the days and months that followed; and

WHEREAS, we join in serving causes greater than ourselves and honoring those we lost, we are reminded of the ways that the victims of 9/11 live on -- in the people they loved, the lives they touched, and the courageous acts they inspired; and

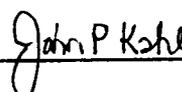
WHEREAS, by a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Kahl, Mayor of the City of East Peoria, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2020, as

PATRIOT DAY

in the City of East Peoria and invite all citizens to participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost, 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. to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and ask all businesses, schools, and agencies to display the flag of the United States at half-staff in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of East Peoria to be affixed this 1st day of September 2020.



MAYOR



ATTEST: CITY CLERK