

# 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 the 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, and on this day, 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, the United States Congress 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, 2021, 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. We 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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John P. Kahl  
MAYOR  
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Margaret D. Cashwalech  
CITY CLERK  
ATTEST: