



**PROCLAMATION**  
**NATIONAL 21st ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 (9-11)**

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001, nineteen terrorist members of al-Qaeda, an Islamist extremist network, hijacked four commercial airplanes. In a coordinated attack, the hijackers intentionally flew two of the planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and a third into the Pentagon. Learning about the other hijackings, passengers and crewmembers on the fourth plane launched a counterattack, spurring the hijacker pilot to crash the plane into a field in Pennsylvania. Nearly 3,000 people were killed on that day, the single largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil; and

**WHEREAS**, within hours of the September 11, 2001 attacks, millions of people across the world felt compelled to respond to the crisis. Volunteers and trained professionals from near and far rushed to help in the rescue and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Flight 93 sites; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 1993, terrorists placed a bomb in the garage beneath the World Trade Center. The explosion killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others. This timeline tells the story of the bombing plot, its effects on the World Trade Center, and the campaign to bring the perpetrators to justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum will soon lead the nation, and the world, as we mark the passage of over two decades since the day that changed our lives forever. The focus of the commemoration will be the reading of the names by family members' in-person; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the commemoration ceremony, six moments of silence will be observed, acknowledging when each of the World Trade Center towers was struck and fell, along with the times corresponding to the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of United Airlines Flight 93. The first moment of silence will be observed at 8:46 a.m. At sundown, the annual "Tribute in Light" will once again illuminate the sky in commemoration of the anniversary of the attacks.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Marana Town Council do hereby declare September 11, 2022 as **NATIONAL 21st ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 (9-11)**, and encourages the Marana community and houses of worship to toll their bells and observe the six moments of silence in remembrance and honor of the many individuals who perished that day, as well as honoring the First Responders who bravely responded during that event in American history.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Interim Town Clerk



Ed Honea, Mayor