

*City of Santa Clara*  
**Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** twenty years ago, on September 11, 2001, nineteen terrorists hijacked four United States commercial airplanes for a coordinated attack; at 8:46 a.m., hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 to 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center, and 17 minutes later at 9:03 a.m., hijackers on United Airlines Flight 175 struck floors 77 to 85 of the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and
- WHEREAS,** at 9:37 a.m., hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the west wall of the Pentagon; at 9:59 a.m. the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed; and
- WHEREAS,** at 10:03 a.m., United Airlines Flight 93 crashed after crew members and passengers launched a counterattack, which spurred the hijacker pilot to crash the plane into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and
- WHEREAS,** at 10:28 a.m., the North Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed; the time between the first attack and the collapse of both World Trade Center towers was 102 minutes; and
- WHEREAS,** we commemorate the loss of the 2,977 people who died from these attacks, including 343 firefighters and 72 law enforcement officers; we remember the survivors as well as those who've lost loved ones, and remember the countless others who remain impacted by September 11<sup>th</sup>-related illnesses today; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the City of Santa Clara community, including members of the City's fire and police departments, deployed to New York City to assist in response and recovery efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** seven active and retired City of Santa Clara firefighters are taking part in the Bay to Brooklyn bike ride to honor the lives lost on September 11<sup>th</sup>; they left the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Center on August 1st and will reach New York City on September 9<sup>th</sup> in time for commemoration events; and
- WHEREAS,** the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> remain a poignant reminder of the important role firefighters, law enforcement officers, and emergency medical technicians and paramedics play in our communities every day and in our individual lives when tragedy occurs; and
- WHEREAS,** the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks have had a lasting impact on our Nation, State, County, and local communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 as the

**Twentieth Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001**

in the City of Santa Clara, and in doing so, I urge all residents of the Santa Clara community to join together as we remember this occasion.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
City of Santa Clara