

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO PERISHED IN THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AND A DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR THOSE WHO SHOWED HEROISM IN RESPONDING TO THE TRAGEDY.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, a series of four coordinated suicide attacks against targets in New York and Washington, D.C., were perpetrated by the terrorist organization Al-Qaeda; and

WHEREAS, four passenger jets were hijacked and the highjackers intentionally crashed two of those planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, causing both towers to collapse; and

WHEREAS, a third plane was intentionally crashed into the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, passengers attempted to take control of the fourth plane, which crashed in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, preventing it from reaching its intended target in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, nearly three thousand people died in the attacks, and Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the attacks; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature was in special session on September 11, 2001 and is in special session again

on this day of remembrance; and

WHEREAS, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum is scheduled to open on September 11, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that September 11, 2011 be declared a day of remembrance for those who perished on September 11, 2001 and a day of recognition for those who showed heroism in responding to the tragedy to help save lives and to the residents of New York for their continuing resilience.