

RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
AS A COUNTY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the September 11 attacks, commonly known as 9/11, were four coordinated suicide terrorist attacks carried out by the al-Qaeda against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, taken together, the four crashes caused the deaths of 2,996 people and injured thousands more. The death toll included 265 on the four planes (from which there were no survivors); 2,606 in the World Trade Center and in the surrounding area; and 125 at the Pentagon. Most who died were civilians; the rest included 343 firefighters, 72 law enforcement officers, 55 military personnel, and the 19 terrorists. After New York, New Jersey lost the most state citizens and Middletown lost the most residents of any town in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, sometimes called “Patriots Day” or “Day of Remembrance”, September 11 has become an annual day for many Americans to remember, reflect, honor, and mourn; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners believes that it is appropriate to declare September 11, 2026 to be a paid holiday for its employees so that they can reflect upon the losses suffered by America on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners calls upon its employees and the community at large to use September 11, 2026 as a day of service to benefit our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, at this time the County is declaring September 11 as a holiday for 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners declares September 11, 2026 to be an official holiday in the County of Monmouth and the County shall therefore be closed for ordinary business.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that September 11, 2026 shall be a paid holiday for all County employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those County employees normally required to report to work on a declared County holiday shall do so on September 11, 2026 in accordance with County policy and subject to pertinent terms of any applicable collective negotiations agreements (essential employees).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's declaration that September 11, 2026 is a paid holiday for County employees is not intended to and shall not be deemed to create a "past practice" in future years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the County Administrator; County Counsel; Director of Finance; Labor Counsel, Steven W. Kleinman, Esquire; all County Department and Division Heads; New Jersey School Boards; Municipal governing bodies; all New Jersey Counties, Senators, Assembly people and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.