

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, September 6, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 Attacks

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes – Resolution

**PRESENTER:** Christina DeStefano, Public Information Officer

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

In honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania the Board is requested to approve the resolution as presented.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move that the Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the resolution commemorating the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.*

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## RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS

- WHEREAS,** at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and
- WHEREAS,** 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and
- WHEREAS,** at 9:37 a.m., the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77; and
- WHEREAS,** at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airline in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and
- WHEREAS,** countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and
- WHEREAS,** 10 years later, the people of Henderson County, the United States, and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and
- WHEREAS,** 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of Henderson County are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** September 11 will never, and should never, be removed from the hearts and minds of the people of the United States.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, September 6, 2011 :

- (1) Recognize and establish September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a County and a Nation; and
- (2) Offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and
- (3) Honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and
- (4) Reaffirms that the people of Henderson County will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and
- (5) On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragic day in United States history –
  - (a) Call upon all of the people and institutions of Henderson County to observe a day of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including –
    - (i) media outlets;
    - (ii) houses of worship;
    - (iii) military organizations;
    - (iv) veterans organizations;
    - (v) airports;
    - (vi) sports teams;
    - (vii) municipal governments;
    - (viii) police, fire, and other institutions; and
    - (ix) businesses
  - (b) Encourage the attendance of Henderson County citizens at the Commemorative Ceremony on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Henderson County Historic Courthouse in downtown Hendersonville.

Adopted this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Attest:

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J. Michael Edney, Chairman

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Thomas H. Thompson, Vice-Chairman

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William P. O'Connor, Commissioner

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Charles D. Messer, Commissioner

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Larry R. Young, Commissioner

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Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board