

## 2011-K764

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION acknowledging that September 11, 2011, will mark the 10th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on America

WHEREAS, At 8:46 a.m. on September 11th of this year, the nation will commemorate the tenth anniversary of America's darkest day and in doing so, will honor the heroes and the casualties of the most shocking, barbaric and catastrophic act of inhumanity in modern history; and WHEREAS, On September 11, 2011, tens of thousands of citizens from around the world and from every walk of life, will gather together at the National September 11th Memorial and Museum in Lower Manhattan to remember the casualties, to stand in sympathy and in solidarity with the families and the loved ones of the lost, and to pay tribute to those courageous men and women who risked all on that fateful day to come to the nation's rescue; and

WHEREAS, The world will again embrace Lower Manhattan, long the gateway to the American Dream for generation upon generation of immigrant families, a vibrant community overcoming an act of unfathomable hatred and devastation, an American community whose citizens continue to suffer from World Trade Center-related illnesses, even ten years later; and

WHEREAS, This tenth anniversary gathering will serve to recall the uniting of the world's cultures and nationalities in condemnation of terrorism and the great outpouring of charity and compassion that followed in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center, demonstrating once again, the victory of the human spirit over depravity, savagery and cowardice; and

WHEREAS, The national September 11th Memorial and Museum, in the words of its President, Joseph Daniels, "reminds us of the powerful and binding connection we share with one another. A connection that eclipses politics, race, economic class, and geography"; and

WHEREAS, We will never forget that the 2977 men, women and children - citizens of more than 90 countries - who were murdered at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, brothers and

sisters, who together made up the fabric of a free, civilized and democratic society; and

WHEREAS, We will forever be inspired by and will forever honor the nearly 400 first responders - proud members of New York's Finest, New York's Bravest, the Port Authority Police Department, and the emergency medical services community - who, in carrying out their sworn duties, gave their lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, We recall with great pride how the residents of Lower Manhattan, at significant personal risk and uncertain whether additional attacks were coming, raced to Ground Zero through the poisonous dust and hysteria to join the search for survivors, to comfort the shocked and the grieving, and to support the first responders all day and through the night; and

WHEREAS, Lower Manhattan will forever be in the debt of those citizens, human service agencies and corporations from throughout our state and across our nation who voluntarily came to our aid in a time of crisis and fear; and

WHEREAS, Our faith was bolstered by the sight of Lady Liberty standing firmly in New York Harbor through the toxic smoke of fires that burned for 99 days; and

WHEREAS, New towers are boldly rising at the World Trade Center and the Lower Manhattan community many predicted would never recover is experiencing a boom in population, tourism and corporate relocation

despite the coordinated efforts of the 9/11 terrorists to destroy our nation's greatest city, cripple our national economy, and instill a paralyzing fear in the hearts of the American People; and

WHEREAS, We are eternally grateful to the valiant men and women of our Armed Forces, those who have fallen, those who have been wounded, and those who continue to combat terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world, because they will not allow 9/11 to ever happen again; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the approaching 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.