



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and*

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; at 9:03 a.m. hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; at 9:37 a.m. the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77; and 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 airliner 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; the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in the United States history; the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in the United States history in a single day; and the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and*

WHEREAS, *tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and*

WHEREAS, *countless fire and police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and*

WHEREAS, *the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001; and*

WHEREAS, *10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, and their families; and*

