

TOWNSHIP OF UNION
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September 11 of this year marks the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the prevention of another attack upon Washington, D.C. by the heroic passengers of United Flight 93; and

WHEREAS, a total of 2,819 persons were killed in the destruction of the World Trade Center, including 343 New York firefighters and paramedics, 266 passengers who were on the airliners hijacked by the terrorists, as well as 125 persons who lost their lives in the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, the above heinous acts of war and terrorism perpetrated by the organization known as Al-Qaeda were the worst to have been visited upon America since Pearl Harbor on December, 7, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Americans were filled with a terrible resolve by the above terrorist acts, as evidenced by the recent killing of the leader of Al-Qaeda by U.S. Navy Seals, and the systematic destruction of Al-Qaeda's leadership by military and covert means; and

WHEREAS, Americans are a resilient, resourceful, strong and determined people who believe that the rule of law and justice will ultimately prevail over those who believe in terrorism and fanaticism; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, we should all take time to remember those who perished on that terrible day, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice attempting to rescue them. We should also remember all of our brave emergency responders and men and women of the military who continue to fight and risk their lives in this war on terror.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM F. BISCHOFF, Mayor of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

We ask the blessings of Almighty God on those who perished on that fateful day and also upon their bereaved families. We ask all of the churches of our community to pray for those lost, bereaved or in harm's way. We also ask them to toll their bells for one minute starting at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2011.

We ask all fire companies and EMT units who provide volunteer services to Union Township to sound their sirens, bells and claxons at that time so that all across our community our citizens will hear the sound of remembrance and pause for a minute in somber reflection of that day ten years ago.

We ask all citizens who have an American flag to proudly fly it in remembrance of those lost, to never forget the events of September 11, 2001 and those we lost, and to continue to be eternally vigilant.

And, may God continue to Bless the United States of America.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal of the Township of Union, this 7th day of September in the year of two thousand eleven, the 236th year of the Independence of the United States.


William F. Bischoff, Mayor