## CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION FOR PATRIOTS DAY AND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER $11^{\mathrm{TH}}$

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2021, the nation will observe the 20th anniversary of America's darkest day and, in doing so, will honor the heroes and the casualties of the most shocking act of inhumanity ever launched against the United States; and

WHEREAS, The 20th anniversary will serve to recall the uniting of the world's cultures and nationalities in the condemnation of terrorism, and the great outpouring of charity and compassion that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center, which demonstrated, once again, victory of the human spirit over depravity, savagery, and cowardice; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four separate airline flights, which all crashed with no survivors, and almost 3,000 men, women, and children who were citizens of more than 70 countries were killed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2001, President Bush had authority under the Constitution, supported by the "Authorization for Use of Military Force" by Joint Resolution 23 of the House and the Senate, to take action to deter and prevent acts of international terrorism against the United States; and

WHEREAS, Barre City residents remember the hundreds of heroic men and women of the police and fire departments, paramedics, and medical personnel who put their safety at risk, the 400 public safety personnel that gave their lives in response to those emergencies, and those that were seriously injured in their courageous efforts to protect and serve their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years after the attacks, people around the world still remember where they were during those moments and continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that historic day; and

WHEREAS, Our community is eternally grateful to the public safety personnel who keep us safe here at home while the valiant members of our Armed Forces continue to combat terrorism around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 11th, 2021, in the City of Barre to be "The 20th Anniversary of the Attacks on September 11th" as a point in history for all residents to remind themselves that the United States is a nation of healing, hope, and resilience; to thank foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001; and encourage residents to participate in appropriate observances to remember and honor those who died.

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