

SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REVIEW

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 611
(N-21)

Introduced by: New York

Subject: September 11th as a National Holiday

Referred to: Reference Committee F

Whereas, September 11, 2001 took over 3,000 lives in an act of terrorism against the United States of America; and

Whereas, September 11, 2021 marked the twentieth anniversary of that horrific day; and

Whereas, Thousands of responders, uniformed and civilian, employed and volunteers, served at Ground Zero, the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA, risking their lives, being exposed to debris, powdered cement, fumes, vapors, dust, and a variety of other irritants, including exposure to human remains, as well as many severe psychological stressors, and the devastation to the World Trade Center site itself; and

Whereas, There are many Americans who now live with September 11 related medical and mental health conditions as well as those whose lives were prematurely shortened because of the impact of these toxic exposures; and

Whereas, The effects of the 9/11 attack have forever altered the world in every aspect of life from mental, emotional, medical, business, security, education, etc.; and

Whereas, Every American and every individual has felt the impact from lost loved ones who were taken away too early, or from the increased security and vigilance needed to protect this country; and

Whereas, Every life lost on that day represents the freedoms for which we were attacked; and

Whereas, *Patriot Day, 9/11*, is already recognized as a day of remembrance; and

Whereas, The terror attack on US soil on September 11, 2001 should never be minimized or forgotten; and

Whereas, The United States Congress holds the authority to create a Federal Holiday according to Title V of the United States Code (5 U.S.C. 6103); therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support and recognize September 11th as an annual day of observance to remember and recognize all who died and who continue to suffer health consequences from the events of 9/11, to honor first- and all responders from around the country, and to recognize and forever remind us of the unity our country experienced on 9/11/01 and the months that followed. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than \$1,000

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AUTHORS STATEMENT OF PRIORITY

This year marked the passing of twenty years since the attack on both towers of the World Trade Tower and the Pentagon, and the tragedy memorialized at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The horror of that day remains for those who lived through it and should not be ignored by those who have not. Too many innocent people lost their lives to the worst terrorist attack on US soil and many more have died or become ill as a consequence of those events. That terrible day should be recognized annually as a day of remembrance to honor America's dead resulting from that day as well as those who lost their lives or health as a consequence of "working the pile" and those subsequent effects. The unprovoked and unprecedented 9/11 attack changed the history of the United States, its people and the world. The AMA should officially recognize, remember and memorialize that day.

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