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**Mount Laurel Twp.
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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mount Laurel Never Forgets 9-11-2001

Mount Laurel, NJ- , August 30, 2011: Mount Laurel Township Council has designated the month of September as "9-11 Remembrance Month" in Mount Laurel. All Mount Laurel residents and businesses are strongly encouraged to take simple steps to adorn the American Flag on their homes, business, schools, vehicles, properties and persons throughout the month of September in recognition of the 10th Anniversary of 9-11.

All Mount Laurel Residents are also invited to join their local emergency services, veterans, township officials and their neighbors at Laurel Acres Park on Sunday, 9/11/2011 @ 1pm for a Community 10th Anniversary 9-11 Remembrance Service.

Actions speak louder than words. Let's show our town's unity, homage and patriotism. Please help us demonstrate that "Mount Laurel Never Forgets 9-11-2011" by displaying the American Flag during the month of September and by attending the Community 10th Anniversary 9-11 Remembrance Service.



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**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MOUNT LAUREL MUNICIPAL CENTER**

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THIRTEENTH REGULAR

AUGUST 15, 2011

**MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP DESIGNATES THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER 2011 AS "911 REMEMBRANCE MONTH"
IN MOUNT LAUREL AND ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO
ADORN THE AMERICAN FLAG IN THEIR HOMES, BUSINESS,
SCHOOLS, VEHICLES, PROPERTIES, AND PERSONS**

WHEREAS, 911 Remembrance Month is an effort to encourage residents to take simple steps to adorn the American Flag in their homes, businesses, schools, properties, and persons. On September 11, 2011 at 1 pm Mount Laurel Township will hold a memorial for the victims, families, loved ones and all affected by the events that occurred on September 11, 2001. 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 in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, 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 of September 11, 2001; 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 departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; 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; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic 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

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

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, the President issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Mount Laurel Township:

- 1) recognizes the month of September 2011 as "911 Remembrance Month" in Mount Laurel and encourages all residents to adorn the American Flag in their homes, businesses, schools, properties, and persons; and
- 2) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and
- 3) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and
- 4) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and
- 5) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and
- 6) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the governing body of the Mount Laurel Township calls upon all of the residents of Mount Laurel to adorn the American Flag in their homes, businesses, schools, properties, vehicles and persons for the month of September and to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Mount Laurel Township encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Mount Laurel Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the Mount Laurel 10th Anniversary 9-11 Remembrance Service on Sunday, 9/11/11 @ 1pm at Laurel Acres Park

MOTION: Bobo D'Antonio

AYES: Bobo D'Antonio Smith Solomon Mayor Keenan

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

A CERTIFIED COPY

Carol Modugno
Carol Modugno, Dep. Municipal Clerk

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT	TRANSMITTED TO
Bobo	1 ✓				z.b. v. file 8-16-11
D'Antonio	2 ✓				
Keenan	✓				
Smith	✓				
Solomon	✓				