

**PATRIOT DAY
A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States of America in a series of senseless, cowardly, and despicable acts of war, directed at innocent men, women and children in the World Trade Center complex in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and on board four passenger jets, resulting in the tragic loss of life of thousands of U.S. Citizens and foreign nationals and;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the attacks, the people of the United States stood united in providing support for those in need, inspired by the heroic sacrifices of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens and;

WHEREAS, September 11th should not only be remembered as a day of great tragedy but also as a day of triumph, courage, kindness, love, hope and freedom, and as a reminder of the new found unity, focus and strength in our Nation and;

WHEREAS, by the U.S. House Joint Resolution 71 signed into law on December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), Congress authorized and requested the President to designate September 11th of each year as “**Patriot Day**” and call upon state and local governments to observe **Patriot Day** by displaying the flag of the United States at half staff and by observing a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. marking the first plane crash and;

WHEREAS, citizens in our community have organized a Patriot's Day Remembrance Committee to conduct a special observance of Patriot Day to take place at Cumberland Valve, on Route 49 in Hopewell Township, from September 4 through September 11, 2011 that will be open to all residents of Western Cumberland County and all of Cumberland County and;

WHEREAS, this local commemoration includes opportunities for residents to honor the memories of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and to remember and recognize the courage, service and patriotism of those firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel, military service members, and other citizens who worked heroically to save and help others, and;

WHEREAS, the Patriot Day Commemoration in Hopewell at Cumberland Valve will give the community a special opportunity to honor the service of our firefighters, rescue and law enforcement personnel who serve our communities every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Township Committee of Hopewell Township does hereby declare September 11, 2011 as

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in Hopewell Township and encourages all citizens to honor and respect the innocent victims of September 11, 2001 and to salute the heroism of public safety and rescue workers, volunteers, local officials, and those who responded to the tragic events with courage, selfless compassion,

determination and undying patriotism by participation in the area's official Patriot Day Commemoration at Cumberland Valve in Hopewell Township on September 6 through September 11, 2011.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that a copy of this proclamation by presented to representatives of our public safety, fire and rescue workers and volunteers, in thanks for their dedicated service to our community on September 11, 2011 at the Patriot Day Commemoration.

This the day of 2011

Bruce R. Hankins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eugene Daddario, RMC