

City of Hampton
Virginia

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

AS

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States of America were attacked in New York City, New York, Somerset County, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, 11 September 2001; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, sent his personal representative, bearing the soils from the basin of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Mark Schweiker, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, sent his personal representative bearing the soils from the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable James S. Gilmore, III, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, sent his personal representative; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Donald H. Rumsfeld, sent the Fairfax County Virginia Fire and Rescue personnel to retrieve soils from the crash site of the Pentagon from American Airlines Flight 77; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hampton gathered at Gosnold's Hope Park on Tuesday, 11 December 2001 as a show of solidarity, along with representatives of all branches of the military, the City of Hampton's Fire and Rescue Division, the City of Hampton's Police Division, the City of Hampton's Sheriff's Department, the Virginia State Police, the Honorable Judges from the Fifth Circuit Court, the Chief of the Boat and crew from the USS Hampton, representatives from the State General Assembly and a representative from this City Council to commingle these soils with Hampton soils as a semblance of Justice and to plant "Trees of Hope in the Soils of Justice"; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the citizens of Hampton to hold a ceremony on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at Gosnold's Hope Park, in the annual recognition of the anniversary of September 11, 2001 and to publicly read the names aloud of all those who lost their lives as a result of these terrorist attacks and all those who protect and serve and have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives since September 11, 2001 for the freedom we so dearly cherish; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge, with heartfelt appreciation, the thousands of men and women on defense and peacekeeping missions throughout the world that continue to serve in, and deploy from, the City of Hampton and neighboring cities each year; and

WHEREAS, we recognize, with gratitude, the families of the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the War on Terror; and

WHEREAS, September 11 is a day for all Americans to Remember and Hope that freedom can never be taken for granted again;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Molly Joseph Ward, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2008, as

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in the City of Hampton, Virginia, and memorialize those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and recognize and extend heartfelt appreciation to those who preserve and protect our City and Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hampton, Virginia, to be affixed this Eleventh Day of September, Two Thousand and Eight.



Molly Joseph Ward
Mayor

