

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 lives were lost in an unprecedented act of terrorism in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy united our Nation in grief and resolve, inspiring acts of heroism and selflessness by first responders, service members, and ordinary citizens who risked or gave their lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces have since stood watch, defending our freedom and security in the wake of those attacks, and many have made the ultimate sacrifice in that cause; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember and honor the lives lost, the families forever changed, and the countless acts of bravery that arose from the darkness of that day; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Board of County Commissioners recognizes September 11 as a solemn day of remembrance, unity, and reflection, and encourages all citizens to honor the memory of those lost by upholding the values of resilience, service, and patriotism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, commemorates the 24th anniversary of the September 11 attacks and urges all residents to observe this day through remembrance, reflection, and acts of kindness—honoring our shared commitment to freedom, liberty, and justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proclamation is presented to the Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunrise in recognition of their *Flags for Heroes* event on September 11, 2025, honoring service members, first responders, and essential workers whose dedication continues to strengthen our great Nation.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, Florida, this 9th day of September 2025.

ATTEST:

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