



WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed thousands of innocent and brave people at the World Trade Center Towers in New York City, at the United States Pentagon, and in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the objective of the terrorists on 9/11 was to strike a powerful blow to the hearts of all Americans and to tear the fabric of our nation. But instead, there emerged from the ashes of that tragedy a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten, just as we will never forget those who were lost and injured on that day, and those who rose to service during the rescue-and-recovery effort and in defense of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, by a joint resolution in December of 2001, the U.S. Congress designated September 11 of each year as Patriot Day and on April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which includes language to officially establish September 11 as an annually recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance; and,

WHEREAS, this enduring and compassionate legacy truly honors the 9/11 victims and their families, the first responders and rescue-and-recovery workers, the servicemen and women who defend our freedom and safety, and the many volunteers who spontaneously contributed their efforts in the immediate aftermath of 9/11; and,

WHEREAS, on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, we pledge to carry on their legacy of courage and compassion, and to move forward together as one people; and,

THEREFORE I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013, as **PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE** across the State of Illinois, and I urge my fellow citizens to contribute their time and energy in assisting others through community service on this day and throughout the year to honor those who died on September 11, 2001.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this SIXTH *day of* SEPTEMBER *in*

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

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the one hundred and NINETY-FIFTH



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR