



## PROCLAMATION

### WE WILL NEVER FORGET: FIELD OF HEROES MONTH THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

**WHEREAS**, the events of September 11, 2001, profoundly affected us all, showing our nation's resilience in the face of tragedy, unifying and strengthening our resolve against global terrorism; and,

**WHEREAS**, each year, citizens across our nation honor and remember those who lost their lives during these tragic events; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the September 11 attacks, and we continue to offer support to the families who lost loved ones in the devastating events of that day through prayer and reflection; and,

**WHEREAS**, we commend the firefighters, police officers, and first responders who courageously risk their lives to rescue those in need and commend the ordinary citizens and volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time and talents to recovery efforts; and,

**WHEREAS**, we honor our military and veterans who continue to serve and defend our nation and freedom against terrorism; and,

**WHEREAS**, flags of the United States will be on display at the American Memorial Park on Saipan, the Veterans Memorial Park on Tinian and at the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veterans Memorial Park on Rota, courtesy of Tan Holdings and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation in coordination with community partners, for the month of September. As these flags will be posted 24 hours a day, we shall remember the lives that were lost, honor the heroic actions taken by our firefighters, police officers, and first responders, and thank the military for their continued service and sacrifice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the community is invited to join the "We Will Never Forget Motorcade" on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. as we continue to honor, remember and be thankful for the oath that was sworn by our firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, enforcement officers, first responders, military, and veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RALPH DLG. TORRES**, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby proclaim **September 2022** as

### **WE WILL NEVER FORGET: FIELD OF HEROES MONTH** **Commemorating the 21st Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks**

The courage, heroism, and resilience Americans displayed on 9/11 are perpetual reminders of the spirit of our country. Real life heroes sprang into action in the face of great danger to save their fellow Americans. 21 years later, we reflect on the events of that day and recommit ourselves to being brave in service of our country and for defending our freedom. We also express our appreciation to our CNMI first responders and military service members for being our everyday heroes during natural disasters, crises, and this global pandemic. We will never forget 9/11, and we will always remember that this the land of the free and the home of the brave.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand on this 8th day of September 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres".

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**RALPH DLG. TORRES**  
Governor