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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Terri Aliabadi, Senior Deputy City Clerk

DATE: September 6, 2011

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Proclamation Establishing a Moment of Remembrance at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the attached Proclamation.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution on July 22, 2011 establishing a National Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. EDT to memorialize the September 11th terrorist attacks with one minute of reflection.

In honor of the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, we ask you to STOP AND REMEMBER. At 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on 9.11.11, cease all regular activity for one minute and, as bells and sirens ring out, take a moment to honor the victims of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

WHEREAS, *the governing body of the City of Manhattan Beach expresses their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and*

WHEREAS, *at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and*

WHEREAS, *17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and*

WHEREAS, *at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and*

WHEREAS, *at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and*

WHEREAS, *tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and*

WHEREAS, *countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and*

WHEREAS, *the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and*

WHEREAS, *the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and*

WHEREAS, *the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and*

WHEREAS, *the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001; and*

WHEREAS, *10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and*

WHEREAS, *10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten us; and*

WHEREAS, *on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and*

WHEREAS, *the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and*

WHEREAS, *in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and*

WHEREAS, *in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and*

WHEREAS, *September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Nicholas W. Tell, Jr., Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents, do hereby proclaim 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011 as a*

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and encourage the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

DATED: *this 6th day of September, 2011.*

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 9, 2011

Dear Mayor:

This year we mark the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, a day that changed America forever. To commemorate this occasion and pay tribute to those we lost, I introduced the enclosed resolution establishing a national Moment of Remembrance at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011. In an overwhelming demonstration of unity, the Senate unanimously passed the resolution with the cosponsorship of all 100 United States Senators. I write to request that you join us in making this Moment of Remembrance a symbol of solidarity throughout your city and across the country.

During the Moment of Remembrance, every person across the country is called upon to *stop and remember* those we lost in the September 11th attacks. The Moment of Remembrance will take place for one full minute at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 11, 2011, and cities and towns, firehouses, churches and other institutions across the country are called upon to sound sirens and ring bells during that minute. These sirens and bells will be a signal for each person to stop and remember the people we lost and demonstrate the perseverance the American people have shown since that fateful day.

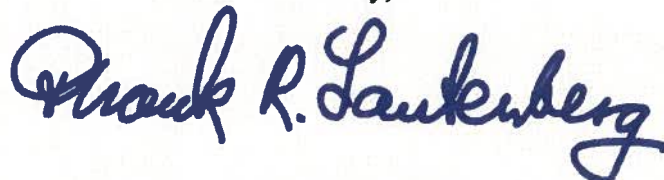
I hope you will participate by:

- Working with and contacting firehouses, police, churches, and other institutions in your municipality to sound sirens and ring bells for one minute at 1:00 p.m.;
- **Passing a resolution or issuing a proclamation** recognizing the Moment of Remembrance;
- Hosting an event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks that includes the Moment of Remembrance; and
- Notifying your constituents of the forthcoming Moment of Remembrance by noting it on your website and through local papers, social media and other outreach mechanisms.

I have created a website for the Moment of Remembrance where you can get more information: www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember. You can also contact my office at stopandremember@lautenberg.senate.gov or 202-224-3224 for additional information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



9/11 NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

STOP & REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 • 1:00 PM EDT

The U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution (S. Res. 237) calling on all Americans to participate in a Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011. For one minute, first responders, houses of worship, towns, and others throughout the country will sound sirens and bells in a signal to each of us to STOP AND REMEMBER the 10th anniversary of the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

*On September 11, 2011,
will you join us in committing to
STOP AND REMEMBER?*

1:00 PM EDT
12:00 PM CDT
11:00 AM MDT
10:00 AM PDT

Spread the word:

www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember



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