



City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida Patriot Day Proclamation

National Day of Service and Remembrance September 11, 2026

WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life, across America, and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss, and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage and service of our armed forces, public safety responders and citizen heroes; and

WHEREAS, many brave people heroically, tirelessly and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk; and

WHEREAS, September 11th will never, and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans;

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026 will be the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, on September 11, 2009, issued the Patriot Day Proclamation officially and permanently designating September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, calling upon all Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the US flag at half-staff, and particularly performing community service and contributing to charitable activities to honor America through tribute and remembrance;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Marathon City Council hereby recognizes September 11th as **National Day of Service and Remembrance** in the CITY OF MARATHON and calls upon all our citizens and organizations to consider joining in this observance and to engage in activities of tribute, solemn remembrance and charitable service.

September 8, 2026

Mayor Del Gaizo

Date