

Whereas, An official minute of silence will be observed at 8:46 A.M.; and
Whereas, Schools will remain open on September 11th but time should be set aside for teachers or counselors to guide discussions about the events of September 11, 2001 that are appropriate for the age of the students; and
Whereas, Many synagogues, churches, mosques, temples and other religious institutions have announced plans to host commemorative services in praise of the heroism and kindness displayed by many New Yorkers on September 11th and afterward, with their leaders guiding congregations in exploring the philosophical and emotional responses to these tragic events and reflecting upon their effects; and
Whereas, Members of the New York City community should visit local fire and police stations to pay tribute to and express appreciation of the heroic efforts of our firefighters, police officers and emergency medical technicians; and
Whereas, Civic associations should commemorate the events of September 11th by sponsoring gatherings for the sharing of ideas on reweaving the threads of commitment to a civil and tolerant society; and
Whereas, Businesses and other private sector organizations should assist their workers in participating in the many activities occurring in the City on September 11th; and
Whereas, The entire City should support members of the community of Lower Manhattan in the Ground Zero vicinity, who endured emotional and physical distress and upheaval, including children evacuated from schools as the towers fell, seniors evacuated from the area in the immediate aftermath, and residents denied access to or use of their homes, in their commitment to remain and rebuild; now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York declares September 11, 2002 a day of solemn remembrance.

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