

# Avondale



## DAY OF RECOGNITION OF THE 9/11 TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, September 11, 2001, was etched into America's memory when 19 terrorists attacked our nation with barbarity unequalled in our history. On this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we cherish the memory of the thousands of innocent victims lost, extend our thoughts and prayers to their families, and honor the heroic men and women who risked and sacrificed their lives so others might survive; and

**WHEREAS**, twenty years ago, ordinary citizens rose to the challenge, united in prayer, and responded with extraordinary acts of courage and resilience, with some giving their lives for the country they loved. On this day, we remember all those who were taken from us in an instant and seek their lasting memorial in a safer and more hopeful world; and

**WHEREAS**, we are continually confronting terrorism by advancing freedom, liberty, and prosperity as an alternative to the ideologies of hatred and repression. Our Nation pays tribute to our courageous men and women in uniform serving around the world and the devoted members of our law enforcement, public safety, and intelligence communities at home who work night and day to protect us from harm and preserve the freedom of this great Nation. We must not allow our resolve to be weakened by the passage of time. We will meet the test that history has given us and continue to fight to rid the world of terrorism and promote liberty around the globe.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim September 11, 2021 as a Day of Recognition and encourage all residents to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. eastern daylight time to honor the innocent Americans and people from around the world who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk