

City of Sunnyside, Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the United States of America was brutally and mercilessly attacked by members of the al-Qaeda Terrorist Network, the terrorists hijacked four commercial jet airliners and intentionally crashed two of them into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, a third into the Pentagon building and the fourth crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing all aboard; and,

**WHEREAS**, on that day, 2,977 innocent victims lost their lives; including 411 emergency personnel who responded by courageously and heroically rescuing people and fighting fires, and,

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2001 the United States Congress passed Joint Resolution 71 by a vote of 407-0, and on December 18, 2001, President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law (as Public Law 107-89), directing the President to designate September 11 of each year as Patriot Day, and,

**WHEREAS**, on this fourteenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, we wish to join with President Barack Obama, Governor Jay Inslee and all Americans in remembering and honoring the memory of those who will forever hold a cherished place in our hearts and in the history of our nation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James A. Restucci, Mayor of the City of Sunnyside, Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Washington and on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim, Friday, September 11, 2015 as **Patriot Day** in the City of Sunnyside.

I direct the City Manager to lower the flags of the United States and Washington State at all city facilities pursuant to Sunnyside Municipal Code, Chapter 1.14, and that they remain at half-staff until close of business this day or first thing, Monday morning, September 14, 2015.

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*Furthermore, I encourage all citizens of our community to observe a moment of silence and prayer at 5:46 A.M. Pacific Daylight Savings Time, to fly the American flag at their homes and businesses, to participate in scheduled events, and most importantly to teach our children of the tragic events of that day, lest we forget the courage and sacrifice given by so many in the name of freedom.*

*May the Almighty God bless our fair city and may he continue to watch over the United States of America.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT SUNNYSIDE THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Restucci".

JAMES A. RESTUCCI  
MAYOR OF SUNNYSIDE