



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### COMMEMORATING THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> TERRORIST ATTACKS

**WHEREAS**, Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 marked the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day that 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., Shanksville, PA on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, government 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, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities, and the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2016, 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, Page 29 of 39 including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

**WHEREAS**, 15 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**, 15 years later, men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

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

**WHEREAS**, September 11<sup>th</sup> 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 the Cook County Board of Commissioners offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cook County Board reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will continue to work tirelessly to defeat those who target the United States and its citizens.