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A Message from the Governor in honor of:

Patriot Day

Our nation was stunned by the acts that took place on the morning of September 11, 2001. In the days that followed, countries from around the globe joined together, united by the common goal of making the world a safer place. Much has changed since, but that date will forever live in our hearts and minds as a day that deeply affected our nation, and the world.

What began as a series of attacks rooted in the worst of human nature quickly became a demonstration of the best the human race has to offer. Let us never forget all who sacrificed their lives on that day and in the military operations that followed. We will not forget the countless displays of courage we witnessed — the determined faces of the police officers and firefighters who bravely entered the Twin Towers, the quick and courageous efforts of military and civilian Pentagon employees to rescue trapped coworkers, and the heroic actions of the passengers on United Flight 93 who fought back against terrorists, sacrificing their own lives to save others. And we will never forget the heroism and sacrifice of our fellow Americans who have worn the uniform to combat the hideous ideologies behind that day's attacks.

It is through collective remembrance that we shall draw conviction, compassion and courage for the future, never forgetting those we have lost.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in extending our best wishes on this solemn occasion.



Sincerely,

Rick Perry

*Rick Perry
Governor*