



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, our nation endured one of the darkest days in its history when terrorist attacks took the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent people in New York City, at the Pentagon, and near Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 25th anniversary of September 11th, a solemn milestone that calls upon us to remember those whose lives were lost, honor those whose lives were forever changed, and reflect upon the enduring impact of that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, amid unimaginable loss, firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency personnel, military members, and ordinary citizens demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness, risking and sacrificing their lives to save and protect others; and

WHEREAS, in the days and months that followed, Americans from all walks of life came together in a remarkable spirit of patriotism, compassion, generosity, and unity, reaffirming the values of service, strength, and community upon which our nation was built; and

WHEREAS, Congress has designated September 11th as **Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance**, calling upon Americans to honor the victims and heroes of that day through reflection, volunteerism, and community service; and

WHEREAS, through acts of kindness and service, we remember the innocent victims, honor the heroes who responded with courage and sacrifice, support the families and loved ones who continue to carry the memory of those they lost, and carry forward the spirit of unity, compassion, and resilience that brought our nation together in the aftermath of September 11th.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2026, as

PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Fircrest and urge all residents to observe a moment of silence in memory of the innocent victims of September 11, 2001, reflect upon the courage and sacrifice of those who responded and served, and commemorate this 25th anniversary through acts of service and compassion, and a renewed commitment to the spirit of unity that brought our nation together.

Proclaimed this 8th day of September 2026.



Nikki Bufford, Mayor