



## **A Proclamation by South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors in Recognition of Patriot Day on September 11, 2023**

Proclamation No. 2023-01

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America constitute a nation of individuals who are willing to preserve their liberties through great sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the United States of America suffered a catastrophic terrorist attack resulting in the deaths of thousands of our nation's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, as citizens came under attack, emergency personnel went directly into harm's way and unprecedented numbers did not return. The ultimate sacrifices of many heroes on a day filled with horror shifted the scales of balance toward the good of humanity. Emergency personnel from South Metro Fire Rescue, Parker Fire Protection District, Cunningham Fire Protection District and Littleton Fire Rescue were among some of the first of our nation's responders called to New York City to assist in the search and rescue as well as recovery efforts at the World Trade Center, arriving within hours of the first attack. Emergency personnel at home immediately began securing the safety of the Districts' citizens and its public and private facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, each year since 2001, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September is observed as a day to honor all Americans who preserve liberty and security for their fellow citizens, lest we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifices.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors recognizes September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as Patriot Day.

ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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