

WHEREAS; on the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 terrorists commandeered four commercial airplanes and perpetrated the deadliest terror attack to ever occur on American soil, flying them into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City, the Pentagon in our nation's capital, and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS; by the end of the day, 2,977 individuals had been killed in the attacks and thousands more had been seriously injured, and the immediate victims included 246 airline crew members and passengers, 343 firefighters and first responders, 72 law enforcement officers, and 55 members of the armed forces; and

WHEREAS; in the almost 20 years since that fateful day in 2001, over 7,000 members of the U.S. military have died, and thousands more have been wounded, as a result of our country's military response, and thousands of survivors, first responders, and workers who toiled to recover the dead in New York City and at the Pentagon have developed serious illnesses and suffered other long-term health consequences caused by exposure to toxins; and

WHEREAS; 17 victims of the 9/11 terror attacks had ties to Wisconsin, including Andrea Lyn Haberman—daughter of Kewaskum residents, Gordon and Kathy Haberman—who was on the 92nd floor of the North Tower at the time of the attacks; and

WHEREAS; inspired by the tragic loss of Andrea and the overwhelming response of volunteers across our state and country, community leaders in Kewaskum joined the Kewaskum Arts Council in applying to receive a piece of steel from the World Trade Center to be used as a local memorial, which was awarded in 2012; and

WHEREAS; upon the delivery of the artifact—a horizontal support beam from the North Tower—in 2014, a committee was established to build a memorial in Kewaskum and, in August 2017, Kewaskum Remembers 9/11, Inc., was established and obtained 501(c)(3) status to oversee fundraising, construction, and maintenance of the memorial, and an official location was approved; and

WHEREAS; on June 13, 2019, ground was official broken on the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial and Education Center in Kewaskum and, on October 31, 2019, the portion of State Highway 28 between Interstate 41 and State Highway 144 was designated as the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial Highway with the signing of 2019 Wisconsin Act 20; and

WHEREAS; on June 13, 2021, a dedication and grand opening of the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial and Education Center will be held for families of Wisconsinites who lost loved ones on 9/11, volunteers, major donors, government officials, and all others who helped build and make the memorial possible; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial and Education Center will serve as an important reminder to the people of Wisconsin of all those we lost, the heroes who ran towards danger without a second thought, and our nation's grit, resilience, and unity in the face of great tragedy; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all families of 9/11 victims, dedicated volunteers, donors, community leaders, and organizations across our state, all Wisconsinites, and all Americans in celebrating the grand opening of the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial and Education Center, and in pledging to never forget the events of September 11, 2001, and the lives of every person we tragically lost that day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 13, 2021, as

WISCONSIN 9/11 MEMORIAL DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 28th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State