



**State Board of Education Ceremonial Resolution
Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001
CR21-16**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States suffered a violent terrorist attack leading to the tragic deaths and injuries of thousands of innocent United States citizens and other citizens from more than 90 different nations and territories;

WHEREAS, two coordinated hijacked planes crashed into both the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center, a third hijacked plane, with some of our students, teachers, and staff onboard, crashed into the Pentagon, and a fourth hijacked plane crashed into an open field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania after passengers and crew fought to regain control of the aircraft that was on course for Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the D.C. State Board of Education honors the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 for our students Bernard Brown, Rodney Dickens and Asia Cottom, and teachers Hilda Taylor, James Debeuneure and Sarah Clark, and the National Geographic staff members Ann Judge and Joe Ferguson who were on American Airlines Flight 77;

WHEREAS, acts of terrorism, racism, intolerance, and hatred are born of ignorance;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Board of Education established the Day of Remembrance Resolution in 2001 to honor the lives lost on September 11, while reflecting on pivotal changes that arose from the tragedy and recognizing important themes and issues such as peace, racism, intolerance, and hatred through standards-based curricula;

WHEREAS, commemorating September 11, 2001 spotlights the larger world community that the United States is interconnected with and the sense of powerlessness and vulnerability that many Americans felt in the aftermath;

WHEREAS, although the nation came together under a remarkable spirit of service and compassion, there was an influx of hate attacks against the South Asian community, especially those who are Sikh;

WHEREAS, we call for peace, unity, and compassion among all communities, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, disability, gender, religion, and sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the D.C. State Board of Education to help the community understand other cultural experiences and perspectives, as well as prepare students for their roles as future world citizens and leaders;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that schools in the District, many of which are demographically diverse, should use the Day of Remembrance to talk about the importance of unity in diversity;





WHEREAS, the commemoration of the 20th anniversary serves as a time for everyone to unite not just locally, but on the national and international level and elevate the premise that the world can be changed for the better;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the D.C. State Board of Education honors the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 for our students, teachers, and staff members who lost their lives that day;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all District schools will observe this day each year by teaching from curricula designed to address issues related to eliminating racism, intolerance, and hatred and promoting peace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the D.C. State Board of Education recognizes and honors the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of September 11 Day of Remembrance and the lives that were lost on that day.

Date Adopted: 9/22/2021

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