PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 citizens of the United States of America were killed on September 11, 2001, in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. as a result of unprovoked and cowardly terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful September morning, we were reminded that the great strength of America is found in the hearts and souls of its citizens, as we witnessed police officers, firefighters, rescue personnel, members of the military and private citizens demonstrating extraordinary courage and risking their lives to save innocent victims, and our country united in compassion as Americans came together to provide relief and bring hope to others; and

WHEREAS, despite the senseless loss of innocent lives and the horror witnessed by people around the world, we can now look at September 11 and see something more than pain -- we can see strength, heroism and unity; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we pray for our brave men and women in uniform who are serving at home and abroad to protect their homeland and advance liberty around the world, and we pray for the families of those who have lost their lives or have been injured defending the freedoms we cherish every day; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the brave friends and loved ones who perished that day, nor the amazing acts of selflessness; and

WHEREAS, the nation remembers September 11 each year as Patriot Day and as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, which calls upon all interested Americans to participate in this observance through moments of silence, the flying of the flag of the United States at half-staff, as well as community service and charitable activities in tribute and remembrance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy C Matthes, Mayor of the City of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2012, as

SEPTEMBER 11th REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the City of Port Orchard, and encourage all citizens, businesses, and employees to join in remembering those who gave of themselves on September 11, 2001.

Signed the 11th day of September 2012

Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor