

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

# Proclamation

## PATRIOT DAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

*WHEREAS, 25 years ago today, our nation watched in horror as four commercial airliners were hijacked and directed towards major American institutions, including the World Trade Center and the Pentagon; and*

*WHEREAS, as a result, nearly 3,000 men, women, and children lost their lives that day, and countless other families and loved ones felt—and continue to feel—the lasting impact of this tragedy; and*

*WHEREAS, in the aftermath of one of the worst terrorist attacks in our history, we proved that love is stronger than hate, as our military, law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders, and other emergency personnel showed true heroism and selfless courage for the safety of others; and*

*WHEREAS, this tragedy will always serve as a reminder of the strength, resilience, and compassion we possess in the face of devastating loss; and*

*WHEREAS, on this day, we should honor those who lost their lives and those who sacrificed their lives for others, including the men and women who showed bravery in responding to the attacks and aiding the victims; and*

*WHEREAS, we should pay tribute to their lives with service and charity toward others and ensure that our state and nation are just and inclusive places for all.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of Hopewell Township, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2025, as Patriot Day in Hopewell Township, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, and urge all citizens to take a moment to commemorate the lives we lost and do our part to continue to carry forward the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice.

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My  
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the  
Seal of the Township of Hopewell  
This 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025*

*Courtney Pa - Manning*  
Courtney Peters-Manning  
Mayor