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TO: All State Agencies
FROM: Governor Kay Ivey 
DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2026
RE: Flags Lowered Honoring Patriot Day, September 11, 2026

I am directing flags throughout Alabama be flown at half-staff this Patriot Day, Friday, September 11, 2026, to honor the nearly 3,000 victims of the terror attacks against our nation on September 11, 2001.

Twenty-five years ago, thousands of lives were lost at the World Trade Center towers in New York City and on board hijacked Flights 11 and 175 which struck the buildings as part of a coordinated terror attack against America. Others lost their lives during a similar attack on the Pentagon in Washington, DC, including those on board Flight 77. Still others perished on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania as the passengers fought back to regain control of their hijacked airplane. Alabamians were among the victims of 9/11. They hailed from cities all across our state, including Huntsville, Birmingham, Mountain Brook, Jacksonville, Alexander City, Hurtsboro, Montgomery, Brewton, Prichard and Mobile. Some were active-duty military. Some were in the World Trade Center towers, some were in the Pentagon, and some were on Flights 11, 77 and 175. We will never forget them and all who died on this tragic day 25 years ago, both victims and first responders. And we must ensure that further generations also do not forget their loss.

On December 18, 2001, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution designating **September 11 as Patriot Day** and called on the president of the United States to issue an annual proclamation memorializing the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks and requesting all U.S. flags be flown at half-staff.

Accordingly, to honor all those who lost their lives in the terror attacks on America 25 years ago, I am directing all flags be lowered in the state of Alabama to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Patriot Day, Friday, September 11, 2026.**

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