

1 **Concurrent Resolution Concerning Remembrances**
2 **of the 25th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks**
3 2026 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH
5 **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**
6 House Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution commemorates the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist
10 attacks and encourages statewide observance and education.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ recognizes the profound impact of the September 11 attacks on the United States and the
14 world;
- 15 ▶ honors the victims, first responders, and all those affected; and
- 16 ▶ encourages local governments and schools to mark the 25th anniversary with appropriate
17 remembrances and educational activities.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 None

22 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

23 WHEREAS, on the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists affiliated with the extremist
24 group al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, executing a coordinated attack against the
25 United States that resulted in the deaths of 2,977 innocent people and injured thousands more;

26 WHEREAS, the attackers flew two of the hijacked planes into the "Twin Towers" of the
World Trade Center in New York City, with American Airlines Flight 11 striking the North
tower and United Airlines Flight 175 striking the South tower, causing both towers to collapse
within hours and devastating the surrounding area;

27 WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center,
28 hundreds of firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and emergency personnel rushed into the
29 burning towers to rescue those trapped inside, demonstrating extraordinary courage and
30 selflessness;

31 WHEREAS, the New York City Fire Department suffered the single greatest loss of life in
32 its history with 343 firefighters perishing in the line of duty and one New York Fire Patrol
33 member, within the New York City Police Department and the Port Authority Police
34 Department, 23 and 37 officers respectively gave their lives in the line of duty, and eight
35 emergency medical technicians and paramedics also gave their lives responding to the crisis;

36 WHEREAS, the attackers flew the third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, into the
37 Pentagon, the headquarters of the United States military in Arlington, Virginia, causing a large
38 fire and a significant collapse of the Western portion of the Pentagon;

39 WHEREAS, passengers and crew on the fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, after
40 learning of the earlier attacks, heroically attempted to retake control of the hijacked plane,
41 leading to the plane crashing in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, preventing the fourth
42 attack from reaching a target;

43 WHEREAS, the attacks were the deadliest terrorist act in world history and the most lethal
44 foreign attack on American soil since the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941;

45 WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, led to a nationwide state of emergency, the
46 grounding of all civilian aircraft for the first time in American history, and a global outpouring
47 of grief and solidarity;

48 WHEREAS, in the days and weeks following the attacks, Americans demonstrated
49 extraordinary unity, resilience, and compassion, with millions participating in vigils, blood
50 drives, and volunteer efforts to support victims and their families;

51 WHEREAS, the attacks prompted significant changes in United States domestic and
52 foreign policy, including the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the
53 implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act, and the initiation of military operations in
54 Afghanistan and later Iraq;

55 WHEREAS, the long-term consequences of the attacks have shaped global
56 counterterrorism strategies, intelligence sharing, and international cooperation, while also
57 raising complex questions about civil liberties, national security, and global conflict;

58 WHEREAS, the legacy of September 11 continues to affect survivors, first responders, and
59 military personnel, many of whom suffer from long-term physical and psychological effects,
60 including fatal cancers and respiratory illnesses as well as post-traumatic stress disorder;

61 WHEREAS, memorials such as the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New
62 York City, the Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in
63 Pennsylvania serve as enduring tributes to the lives lost and the heroism displayed;

64 WHEREAS, the courage and heroism displayed by first responders, emergency personnel,
65 and ordinary citizens on that day and in the days that followed exemplify the resilience and
66 unity of the American spirit;

67 WHEREAS, the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks in 2026 presents a solemn
68 opportunity to educate younger generations, ensuring the preservation of the memory of the
69 day and the resulting lessons; and

70 WHEREAS, remembering the events of September 11 is essential to honor the victims and
71 heroes and also to reaffirm our collective commitment to freedom, democracy, and the values
72 that unite us as a nation:

73 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
74 Governor concurring therein, commemorates the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001,
75 terrorist attacks and honors the memory of the victims and the bravery of those who responded.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage all local
77 governments in Utah to observe September 11, 2026, with appropriate ceremonies, moments
78 of silence, and community events that reflect on the significance of the day.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all public and
80 private schools in Utah to mark the anniversary with age-appropriate educational activities,
81 discussions, and remembrances that foster understanding, empathy, and civic awareness.

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon all Utahns
83 to take time on September 11, 2026, to reflect on the values that unite us, honor those who
84 were lost, and reaffirm our commitment to a free and just society.