State of Connecticut

By His Excellency **Dannel P. Malloy**, Governor: a

PROCLAMATION

In the face of great tragedy on September 11th, we united as a nation and found strength in each other – strength that continues to serve our nation well. No longer do we suffer from fear brought on by the worst of humanity. Instead, we focus our thoughts and energy on the promise for the future.

In our state, families continue to grow and citizens continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship and camaraderie. Terror has not stopped us, but has furthered our resolve to better our communities and our nation for the generations to come.

While the events of that fateful morning were devastating, we are reminded that ours is a nation in which individual freedoms are protected and celebrated. We are reminded that we are a nation that can exemplify the best of humanity, putting aside our differences to work together to create a better, safer future.

Our brave men and women continue to fight and make the ultimate sacrifice for the betterment of our nation and the world. Future generations will look back on these historic years and know that the ideals of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness can never be shaken because of our courage, our character and our determination.

As we gather in remembrance of this solemn anniversary, let us never forget the lives that were lost and the sacrifices of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and first responders. Let us also look ahead to continuing our construction of a great society built upon a foundation that incorporates all of our hopes and dreams for the generations of Americans to come.

Therefore, in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013, as a

HONOR OUR HEROES AND REMEMBRANCE DAY

and I ask that all citizens of this state appropriately observe the meaning of this day through their words, thoughts and actions.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this eleventh day of September, two thousand and thirteen and of the independence of the United States the two hundred thirty-seventh.

by His Excellency's Command

Secretary of the State