

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the eighth anniversary of the brutal and ruthless terrorist attacks carried out against our Nation on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, thousands of lives were lost in this tragedy and countless innocent men, women and children were forever changed by those acts of evil; and

WHEREAS, we are inspired by the heroism of firefighters, police officers, rescue personnel, members of the military and private citizens who responded selflessly in the face of terror; and

WHEREAS, we are a people dedicated to the triumph of freedom and democracy over evil and tyranny; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Snohomish County continue to strive for peace and justice through improved homeland security, contribution to relief efforts and volunteering time and resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has designated September 11th of each year as "Patriot Day" and directs the flag be flown at half staff to honor the innocent victims who lost their lives as a result of the terror and mourn with those that still mourn and find comfort through faith and strength in the work ahead; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2009, as

Patriot Day in Snohomish County

and encourage all citizens to observe a moment of silence or another appropriate commemorative time, to honor the victims who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, and commit to individually and collectively strive for peace.

Signed this 10th day of September, 2009.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon
Snohomish County Executive