

P R O C L A M A T I O N

SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, forever changed our nation and our world, and we continue to honor the memory of those who lost their lives, the courage of first responders, the sacrifices of military service members, and the resilience demonstrated by the American people in the years that followed; and

WHEREAS, the September 11th National Memorial Trail is a 1,500-mile network of trails and roadways linking the three national memorial sites at the World Trade Center in New York City, the pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Trail serves as a living memorial that preserves the stories, sacrifices, and spirit of September 11 while creating opportunities for recreation, transportation, education, tourism, and community connection for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, in observance of the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance is conducting the 2026 9/11 National Memorial Trail Bike Tour, 1,250-mile journey from June 12 through July 11, 2026, connecting the 3 memorial sites and passing through communities across the nation in remembrance of those affected by the events of September 11; and

WHEREAS, the cyclists participating in this commemorative ride will arrive in the City of Pottsville on June 24, 2026, and depart on June 25, 2026, continuing eastward toward Lehighton as ambassadors for remembrance, resilience and national unity; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the leadership of Governor Josh Shapiro, the PA Department of Transportation, and the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is advancing efforts to designate and sign the route of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail throughout Pennsylvania in anticipation of the 25th anniversary of September 11, further strengthening public awareness of this important national memorial corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Schuylkill County Commissioners, do hereby recognize and honor the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance for its commitment to preserving the memory and legacy of September 11, 2001, welcomes the participants of the 2026 9/11 National Memorial Trail Bike Tour to Schuylkill County, and reaffirms its support for continued partnership efforts to advance the Anthracite Connector Trail and the broader vision of the 9/11 National Memorial Trail.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE 2026.**



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