# MEMORIAL MISSION STATEMENT

*We create this memorial to honor the 3,042 innocent lives lost in the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001 when American Flight 11 and United Flight 175 crashed into and destroyed the World Trade Center Towers, American Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and United Flight 93 crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and when the World Trade Center was bombed on February 26, 1993. These were attacks on our loved ones, our cities, our nation, our way of life and our very freedom. We respectfully honor those who died and those who survived and carried on, those who came to help and those who risked their lives to save others, and those brave and compassionate citizens from around the world who stood with us in our time of need.*

*For all who come to learn and understand, we dedicate this memorial to the unfulfilled dreams of those lost, to our country and the strength of our democracy, to our resolve to preserve an open, diverse and free society, to our determination to remain ever vigilant in order to safeguard our nation and to those people around the world who unite with us in a joint quest to end hatred, ignorance, intolerance and strife and promote peace.*