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Dear Branson Community,

Today marks 19-years since the attack on the U.S. that we refer to as "9-11." As we lower our flags to half-staff and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., we pause to honor the memory of the innocent people who were murdered by terrorists in the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001.

On this special Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, we come together to show our resilience as a nation. We are strong and we will remain strong. We continue to show our ability to bounce back quickly from disasters. As a collection of American's from diverse backgrounds we show our resolve every day to lead by example and act as a beacon of hope for all to see. Please take a few moments today to reflect on the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died on this day 19 years ago. (New York, NY - American 11, United 1175, World Trade Center; Arlington, VA - American 77, Pentagon, Shanksville, PA - United 93).

Your Board of Alderman met on Tuesday and acted decisively to help protect the citizens, visitors, and economy of the City of Branson by extending Ordinance 2020-0072 pertaining to face coverings, public spaces and the spread of communicable diseases. Again, thank you to the citizens, local health, tourism, and marketing experts who provided us the valuable information to help make this important decision. We will readdress this issue on October 13 during our regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

On Thursday, we held a Joint Budget and Finance Committee and Capital Improvements Committee meeting. Thanks to our Finance Department for a great briefing on our financial situation. If you want a better understanding of the city finances I highly encourage you to look at the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Book. [Click here to view this very informative 68 page pamphlet on the city's website.](#)

In addition to the great shopping opportunities we have all over town, this weekend we also have the City of Branson Parks & Recreation Fall Garage Sale. There will be 76 booths ready for shoppers this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Branson RecPlex. [Click here to find more information on the Branson Parks & Recreation's website.](#)

Please, if you are so inclined, continue to pray for our city, stay positive, and be thankful for living in the best city in America. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you. Edd Akers

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Mayor Edd Akers