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*September 11th, 2001 was a day that changed every American's life. Each year, we are called to remember the tragic events that occurred on that day. The loss of 2,997 people must be memorialized. The brave efforts of our first responders on that day must never be forgotten. Its designation as **Patriot Day** is fitting: all American citizens are charged with remembering, and with continually renewing our resolve to protect and preserve our Nation. Many who had never faced the possibilities of war and terror were suddenly confronted with its reality on September 11. My hope is that your reality today allows you to take pause for reflection, and to find solace in your loved ones. May God bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.*

## NATIONAL 9/11 MEMORIALS

National 9/11 memorial sites, constructed at or near the location of the attacks, give Americans the opportunity to visit and to commemorate the lives lost.

### NEW YORK CITY



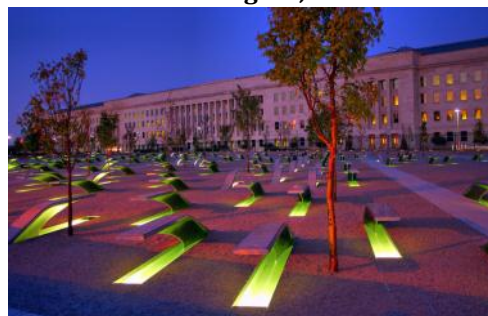
The "National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center" began construction in 2006. The completion date was projected to be this year, but funding crises have postponed it. The underground museum remains delayed; however, the outside memorial (pictured at left) in the original location of the Twin Towers, is currently open, free, and available to the public. Visit [www.911memorial.org](http://www.911memorial.org) for videos, audio, and a detailed timeline of the events of 9/11.

### Stoystown, PA



To commemorate the heroic efforts of the 40 passengers of Flight 93, which crashed in a field in nearby Shanksville, PA, the National Park Service commissioned the "Field of Honor Forever," which opened a decade after the attacks, on September 11, 2011. Pictured at left is the wall of names. For more information, please visit the foundation, [www.honorflight93.org](http://www.honorflight93.org) or the official memorial site, [www.nps.gov/flni](http://www.nps.gov/flni)

### Washington, DC



Directly in front of the wing of the Pentagon that was attacked on 9/11 lies the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, pictured at left. It is free and open to the public seven days a week. For more information on the official memorial, visit the Department of Defense, <http://www.whs.mil/memorial/>. For an audio tour, biographies, or to contribute to the Memorial Fund, please visit the site, <http://pentagonmemorial.org>.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Legislature proposed 11 amendments to appear before the voter on the November ballot. Please refer to the chart below for a brief overview of each measure. The titles reflect what will be seen on the ballot by the voter, though some are shortened due to size limitations.

Subsequent issues of the Mayfield Minute will go over each amendment in more detail, specifically how it may affect you. Please note that double asterisks (\*\*) next to a title denote an amendment relating to property taxes and homestead exemptions.

| Amendment | Title  | Description   |
|-----------|--|---|
| 1         | Health Care Services   | <i>Allows FL to effectively “opt-out” of Affordable Care Act; prevents penalties for not purchasing health care coverage</i>  |
| 2         | Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount**                    | <i>Extends Homestead Exemption to disabled Veterans who were not FL residents when entering military service</i>              |
| 3         | State Government Revenue Limitation  | <i>Replaces existing State revenue limits (based on personal income) with a new limitation based on inflation/population</i>  |
| 4         | Property Tax Limitation; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Non-Homestead Assessment...** | <i>Amends commercial/non-homestead property taxes; gives out-of-state residents homestead tax exemption</i>                   |
| 5         | State Courts   | <i>Mandates that justices appointed by the Governor must be confirmed by FL Senate</i>  |
| 6         | Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortion; Construction of Abortion Rights                   | <i>Enshrines current federal law prohibiting public funds used for abortion; stops use of privacy clause in abortion case</i> |
| 8*        | Religious Freedom  | <i>Repeals current ban prohibiting public dollars for religious funding</i>   |
| 9         | Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of nnMilitary Veteran/1st Responder**  | <i>Gives legislature the authority to totally or partially exempt surviving spouses from paying property taxes</i>            |
| 10        | Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption**   | <i>Provides exemption from ad-valorem taxes on personal property valued between \$25-50k</i>                                  |
| 11        | Additional Homestead Exemption for Low-Income Seniors...**                                   | <i>Authorizes property tax relief to low-income seniors who have lived in their homes for 25 years or more</i>                |
| 12        | Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors..                                | <i>Revises selection process for student member of Board of Governors</i>   |

\* Originally filed as Amendment 7, “Florida Religious Freedom” was removed by court order and then re-written by Attorney General Pam Bondi