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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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*Section 1.* AS 44.12 is amended by adding new sections to article 2 to read:

Sec. 44.12.165. Patriot Day. Patriot Day is established on September 11 of each year to commemorate the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, and to honor the individuals who died or were injured in the attacks, the courageous first responders and other individuals who gave their lives to save others during the attacks, and the brave individuals who continue to serve and protect our nation, including military personnel, first responders, and health care providers. The governor shall direct that the Alaska flag be flown at half-mast on that day. Patriot Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.

Sec. 44.12.170. Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day. Post-
Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day is established on June 27 of each year to promote awareness of persons suffering from post-traumatic stress injury and to encourage Alaskans to reach out to those persons to provide support and eliminate the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress injury. Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day may be observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.