WHEREAS, the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) strives to promote the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession, and promote an effective legal system, accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, the WSBA comprises 40,000 members with a wide variety of political beliefs, backgrounds, and viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, WSBA members and the American public witnessed the horrific terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 in New York City, Washington, DC, and Shanksville, PA; and

WHEREAS, over the next twenty years, WSBA members served in Afghanistan with the United States military in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel; and

WHEREAS, WSBA members often served in harsh conditions, away from family and loved ones, in support of the rule of law and United States military operations; and

WHEREAS, United States military personnel withdrew from Afghanistan on or about August 30, 2021;

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the WSBA that we remember and honor the innocent people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and recognize the 20th anniversary of their deaths; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the WSBA that we thank all WSBA members who served in Afghanistan with the United States military at any point in time from September 11, 2001 until August 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the WSBA that we thank all WSBA members who served in Afghanistan in a civilian capacity with any United States federal agency at any point in time from September 11, 2001 until August 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Governors of the WSBA that we thank the families and loved ones of WSBA members who served in Afghanistan, in either a military or civilian capacity, at any point from September 11, 2001 until August 30, 2021, and recognize the heavy burden that fell on their shoulders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors hereby directs that the Executive Director of the WSBA convey this resolution in memoriam and thanks to the leadership of the WSBA Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP) Section and the Washington State Veterans Bar Association for distribution as those organizations deem appropriate.