

THE CITY OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE MAYOR NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to welcome everyone to America's 911 Foundation's Memorial Motorcycle Ride.

The attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 changed our world forever. This year, as we mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks, New Yorkers can be proud that the National September 11 Memorial is opening, and that Lower Manhattan is more alive than ever.

The 9/11 Memorial will provide a powerful and lasting place of reflection and remembrance, and it will help ensure that future generations know the story of New York's grief, our resilience, and our shared hope for a more peaceful world. In the days and weeks after the attacks, we vowed we would never forget, and that we would work together to build a brighter future. We will continue to keep that solemn commitment—to those who perished, to their families, and to the courageous men and women who helped us recover.

As you pay tribute to those we lost, I join you in honoring their lives, and in finding inspiration in their memories—and in our City's and country's enduring and indomitable spirit.

Sincerely,

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Michael R. Bloomberg Mayor