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Dear Family Member:

As the anniversary of September 11, 2001 approaches, we would like to share our plans for the upcoming eighth annual commemoration ceremony, our citywide tribute to the memory of those lost on that terrible day.

Our observance of September 11th will take place, as it did last year, at Zuccotti Park, adjacent to the World Trade Center site at Liberty Street between Broadway and Church Street/Trinity Place. As the construction of the Memorial progresses and we move closer to its completion, we are working with the Port Authority to provide special access to the newly-constructed upper-level section of the Memorial site.

For this year's reading of the names, in honor of the new federal designation of September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, family members will be paired with volunteers from throughout the five boroughs who will represent the remarkable spirit of compassion and giving that unified our City and our Nation in the weeks and months following the tragedy. As always, the ceremony will pause at four moments—two to commemorate the times at which each building was hit, and two to recognize the times when each tower fell. The first moment of silence will be at 8:46 a.m., and we encourage houses of worship to toll their bells at that time.

Music will provide a back-drop to our program, and this year's commemoration will conclude at approximately noon. The "Tribute in Light" will again return at sundown. This poignant symbol will carry us through the night and into the next day.

If you are a family member who would like to read, or would like to suggest an appropriate participant for the reading of the names, please email cferer@cityhall.nyc.gov or call (212) 442-8953 by Friday, August 7, 2009. You will need to give your name, your phone number and the name and contact information for the person you are recommending, and if applicable, the P and T number of the family member and the proposed reader's relationship to that family member. Participants will be selected by lottery and notified directly.

We will send you a letter shortly that will relay updated information, including more details on the ceremony. Please note that this second letter/invitation will serve as your credentials for admittance on that morning. However, P and T numbers and Memorial Park identification cards are also acceptable. Until then, if you have any questions, please call (212) 442-8953 or visit www.nyc.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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