



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Dear Family Member:

As the fifth anniversary approaches, we offer our prayers and sympathies to you and your loved ones. Through our shared compassion, our community has emerged even stronger as we continue to work together to honor the memory of those we lost on September 11, 2001. The following details our plans for the fifth annual citywide commemoration.

Our observance of September 11th will take place at the World Trade Center site in the morning. This year spouses, partners and significant others will deliver the reading of the names of the victims during the ceremony, while music will provide a backdrop throughout the program. The ceremony will pause at four moments – two to mark the times that each plane hit the towers, and two to mark the times when the towers fell. The first moment of silence will be at 8:46 a.m. and as always, houses of worship will be encouraged to toll their bells at that time. As we have done in previous years, while the names are read, family members will be able to descend the ramp to the lowest level of the site where they may lay flowers. This ceremony will conclude at approximately noon. However, the site will remain open to families until 3:00 p.m.

The “Tribute in Light” will again return at sundown. This poignant symbol carries us through the night and on to tomorrow, allowing us to reflect on the memory of those lost and on all that unites this great City.

If you are a spouse, partner or significant other 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 July 26, 2006. You will need to give your name, your phone number, the name of the spouse, partner or significant other you are recommending, 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 detailed times for the ceremony. Please note that this second letter invitation will serve as your credential for admittance on that morning. However, P and T case numbers and Memorial Park identification cards will also be acceptable. Until then, if you have any questions, please call (212) 442-8953 or visit www.nyc.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George E. Pataki
Governor

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor