## Remembering September 11, 2001

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## Dear Fellow New Yorker:

It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since the terrorist attacks on September 11th. We all have lasting memories of September 11, 2001 - where we were, what we were doing, how we felt - and will never forget the innocent victims and fearless rescuers who lost their lives in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Personally, I look back on my visit to the site of the World Trade Center in the weeks after September 11th - walking the site and seeing the devastation first-hand. I remember meeting many of the brave firefighters and police officers that were working non-stop, searching the rubble for survivors. To this day, I remember the faces, the stories and the heroes of that day and their resilience in the wake of unimaginable events.

Often, I am asked how we can best honor the memories of those who died on September 11th, including the firefighters, police officers and EMTs who rushed into the burning World Trade Center in a desperate attempt to save others. My answer: by taking time to give back to our own communities by volunteering or donating blood, supporting local emergency responders or other charitable organizations, or attending one of the many September 11th related ceremonies or events in our community. In doing so we commemorate the lives of those who died and remind others that we remain the strongest and proudest nation in the world.

To assist you and your family in honoring the victims of September 11th, as well as the brave men and women in our military who fight to defend our nation's freedoms, I have included information below on the special "New York Remembers" exhibitions taking place throughout New York State. I hope that you are able to attend one of these important events. As we all remember September 11th in our own way, please join me in keeping the families of the victims in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Senator Jim Alesi

## Thirty "New York Remembers" 9/11 Exhibitions Across the State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Museum, and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum recently announced the locations for thirty "New York Remembers" exhibitions that are being organized as part of a statewide recognition of the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The exhibitions will give all New Yorkers a place to remember the victims of September 11th and honor the countless heroes who came from all corners of the state to help in the clean-up and recovery efforts. The exhibitions will feature historical artifacts from the collections of the State Museum and National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

In Rochester, the Rochester Museum and Science Center's powerful exhibit, "September 11, 2001: A Global Moment," http://www.rmsc.org/MuseumAndScienceCenter/exhibits/AGlobalMoment/, includes recovered artifacts, images, videos and personal stories. The exhibit will be open through November 27th and is part of the New York Remembers, http://www.governor.ny.gov/map/ny-remembers exhibition series. If you happen to be out of town this weekend, please take advantage of one of the 30 exhibit locations throughout the state:

- Buffalo: Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State College
- Syracuse: The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology
- Utica: Mohawk Valley Community College
- Watertown: Dulles State Office Building
- Binghamton: Binghamton University
- Stony Brook: Stony Brook University
- Jamestown: Jamestown Municipal Building
- Niagara Falls: Niagara Falls Conference Center
- Batavia: City Hall
- Geneva: Geneva Public Library
- Auburn: Cayuga Community College
- Elmira: Clemens Center

• Ithaca: Rothschild Building at Ithaca Commons

• Plattsburgh: City Hall

• Monticello: Sullivan County Government Center

• Middletown: SUNY Orange

Poughkeepsie: Dutchess Community College

• Saratoga Springs: City Center

• Amsterdam: Riverfront Center

• Suffern: SUNY Rockland Community College

• Norwich: Council of the Arts

• Oneonta: Yager Museum of Art & Culture at Hartwick College

• Hudson: FASNY Museum of Firefighting

• Lake Placid: Lake Placid Convention Center

• Potsdam: SUNY Potsdam

• Rochester: Rochester Museum and Science Center

• White Plains: White Plains Library

• Mahopac: Mahopac Library

• Rockville Centre: Recreation Center

• Albany: State Museum/Empire State Plaza