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Jersey City to Host “Reflections” 9-11 Memorial Service Observance to Include Song, Music, Prayers and Speeches Memorial Freedom Wreath to Be Floated on the Hudson River

Jersey City – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Jersey City 9/11 Memorial Committee will observe the ninth anniversary of the terrorist attacks with the annual **9/11 Memorial Service “Reflections,”** at **8:20 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2010,** at the **foot of Grand Street on the Jersey City Waterfront.** The public is encouraged to attend the patriotic ceremony. In the event of rain, the service will be held in *The Atrium* at Harborside Financial Center, Plaza III.

On September 11, 2001, Jersey City lost 37 residents in the devastating terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. After the towers fell across the Hudson River, the Jersey City waterfront became a staging ground for recovery and relief efforts. Today, the 9/11 monument stands directly across the river from where the World Trade Center towers once stood. The names of the 37 residents of Jersey City are etched on the monument as a memorial for future generations to remember with respect and honor.

“It was a tragic day in which the whole world stood still and offered prayers and condolences to the people of the United States of America,” said **Mayor Healy.** “Every year, Americans across the country stand united with remarkable spirit, compassion, and patriotism. September 11th is a day of reverent reflection in which we honor the victims and heroes of that day, as well as salute the many brave men and women who protect the liberties that we are afforded each day.”

The Mayor noted that contingents of Jersey City firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and medical technicians were among the first responders to Ground Zero. A triage center was established in Liberty State Park and New York Waterway ferried thousands of injured people and workers from the devastated area in Lower Manhattan to safety in Jersey City. The Jersey City Medical Center, Greenville Hospital, Christ Hospital, and Saint Francis Hospital were the medical facilities where most of those brought to Jersey City were treated. Local funeral homes were called upon to offer assistance with the bodies of the victims.

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Since 2002, the **Jersey City 9/11 Memorial Committee** has observed the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the forced crash of a commercial aircraft, Flight 93, in a Pennsylvania field which had been commandeered by terrorists.

The 9/11 ceremony will feature remarks by Mayor Healy and members of the City Council, along with relatives of some of those killed. Prayers will be offered by clergy from various religious denominations. Special songs and inspirational music will also be part of the remembrance program. Continuing a spiritual custom started in 2002, there will be the recitation of the names of the residents of Jersey City killed in the attack on the World Trade Center. The chiming of a bell will accompany each name spoken.

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