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America's 911 Foundation
13630 Barnhouse Place
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Dear Friends:

I am honored to send greetings to everyone who has joined America's 9/11 Ride in commemoration of the victims of September 11, 2001.

A decade has now passed since an unimaginable act of terrorism against the United States began to unfold in the Empire State. Within hours, all of our lives changed forever. Today, our collective recovery continues.

You gathered a few days ago to be a part of this impressive police-escorted motorcycle ride from Shanksville to the Pentagon, and then here to the World Trade Center site. As you assemble on this sacred ground, you recall those taken from us – fathers, mothers, siblings, and children – who stood for what is best about America. You pay tribute to the first responders – FDNY and local firefighters, NYPD, and Port Authority Police – who so heroically put aside thoughts of their own safety, reaching out to help others. You remember the ordinary citizens here and in Pennsylvania and Washington who perished and you honor neighbors, friends, and family who will forever be missed.

As we mark the ten-year anniversary of September 11, 2001, let us take comfort in knowing the world will never forget the unparalleled courage of our loved ones on that fateful day. With the eyes of the world once again upon us, let us show that our will and our determination will never be broken. In memory of those we loved and lost, let us live our own lives with dignity and grace, in honor of their legacy.

With warmest regards and my deepest appreciation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'AC' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

ANDREW M. CUOMO