



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone as Voices of September 11th celebrates its Sixth Annual *Always Remember* Gala.

Twelve years after the attacks of 9/11, we have not only rebuilt Lower Manhattan and New York, but also – thanks to the vision and hard work of many – made our city stronger than it has ever been. At the World Trade Center, especially, there is a magnificent Memorial worthy of those who lost their lives, and worthy of the thousands of first responders and construction workers who gave their all to our recovery and rebuilding efforts.

We will never forget the people we lost on 9/11. The National September 11 Memorial & Museum and Voices of September 11th will help ensure that. Tonight, we take this opportunity to reflect on our shared commitment to honoring the victims, the survivors, and the heroes of one of our nation's darkest days, and to sharing their stories with future generations.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I join you in applauding this year's recipient of the Building Bridges Award, a leader who has served our city and country with great distinction, Police Department Commissioner Ray Kelly. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful evening and continued success in your important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor