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VOICES praises signing of 9/11 Commission Act

Founding Director hails good first step in making our nation safer

NEW CANAAN, CT , 3 August 2007 - The signing of the "Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007" into law by President Bush was today commended by Mary Fetchet, Founding Director of Voices of September 11th as a good step [forward](#) in protecting Americans from future terrorist attacks.

"I applaud the President's signature on a bill that takes critical steps towards legislating the outstanding 9/11 Commission recommendations. I also thank all of those from both sides of the House and Senate who worked tirelessly to see these recommendations become law, especially the [Leadership](#), who made a commitment to legislating these reforms in the 110th Congress" said Ms. Fetchet.

"I am especially grateful for the collaborative efforts of the 9/11 Commissioners and Congressional offices that worked alongside the 9/11 families toward our common goal of making our country safer. The signing of this bill represents our unity of purpose in securing America," she said.

"I'd especially like to thank Chairman Governor Tom Kean, Vice-Chair Lee Hamilton and Commissioner Tim Roemer and Senators Lieberman and Collins, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Peter King, Carolyn Maloney, Christopher Shays, and Jane Harman, as well as the 9/11 families Carol Ashley, Rosemary Dillard, Beverly Eckert, Carie Lemack, and Abraham Scott for their hard work and dedication."

"As you know, this legislation is an important first step and we will continue to push for implementation and funding of the reforms, so that no family ever again has to suffer the loss we experienced on September 11, 2001," she added. "This has been a long and sometimes difficult process. Now that the bill has been signed, our focus at VOICES will be on implementing the new legislation, as well as on improving local and national preparedness and on fostering understanding and support for all those affected by terrorism nationally and internationally."

The VOICES organization is also the host of the 9/11 Living Memorial, an online digital archive commemorating the lives and stories of September, 11, 2001. The archive will be officially launched at the Marriott Financial Center Hotel in New York City at the VOICES "Preserving 9/11" Forum on September 10, 2007. Media are invited to attend the event. The 9/11 Living Memorial will document the lives and

stories of victims and survivors of the attacks on September 11, 2001 and the February 26, 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The website www.911livingmemorial.org was launched in August 2006 and will continue to grow over time.

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