

“This Sunday marks the tenth anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. On that day, our entire country witnessed the best and worst sides of humanity during those cowardly and horrific attacks. Today, we stand in memory for the thousands of men, women, and children who tragically lost their lives, and we send our thoughts and prayers to their loved ones who were devastated by their loss.

“But today, we also honor the heroism of the first responders, law enforcement officials, volunteers, and members of the military whose brave actions aided victims in their dire time of need and saved the lives of countless others.

“Yet despite all of the violence and tragedy that occurred on that day, America’s resolve was unshaken, and she displayed a spirit of unity that embodied the true essence of America. In a moment of overwhelming grief, our country banded together to rise above the violence and tackle our challenges as one.

“Now a decade later, America still faces serious challenges, but we remain resilient and strong. Since the attacks, thousands of men and women have served in our Nation’s armed forces to seek out and stop the spread of terrorism. Osama bin Laden has been delivered justice and al-Qaeda has been severely weakened. This does not end the pain, and it does not heal the wounds left by the tragic events from ten years ago. But it does send a message to the world that America will not let up in our pursuit of justice, fairness, and democracy.

“On the tenth anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks and on the National Day of Service and Remembrance, I encourage everyone to dedicate this day to the memories of the fallen and legacies of the heroic by giving back to your neighbors and community, and as we move forward, we must continue to exemplify the true spirit of America that flourished in the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.”

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