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9/11 Anniversary Never Forgetting What We Need to Remember

September 11, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The date itself has become a term that is seared into our nation's memory—a term synonymous with both terrorism and heroism.

September 11, 2001, was an event that left indelible feelings, painful memories, and physical and emotional remnants that we're still sifting through today. Collectively, we vowed to *never forget*.

Most adults can recall that fateful day with vivid clarity.

We know where we were on September 11, but as we strive to *never forget*, we must remain vigilant and focused on where we are now and where we are heading. As an Association, we honor the nearly 3,000 people who died (and countless others injured) by continuing to work together — as citizens and public servants — to ensure that our critical infrastructure is secure, resilient, and protected from cyber and other attacks.

Collectively, our nation still grieves for the souls lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pa., and we still hold their families in our thoughts. The bravery and courage of the first responders on the ground, private citizens, and passengers on United Flight 93 cannot and will not be forgotten.

Never forget means more than remembering 9/11 and its aftermath. We should never forget our collective duty to respect and serve each other and resolve to do our part—no matter how big or small—to help ensure the safety of our country, families, and neighbors.

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