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### *Mayor Healy & 9-11 Memorial Committee to Host Annual Memorial Service on Jersey City Waterfront Ceremony to feature musical performances, tributes and prayers*

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Jersey City 9-11 Memorial Committee will host the annual 9-11 Memorial Service “Reflections,” to be held from **8:20 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007, at the foot of Grand Street** on the Jersey City waterfront.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Jersey City lost 37 of its own in the devastating terrorist attacks at Ground Zero. The events of that day unfolded across the Hudson River, and Jersey City’s waterfront became a staging ground in the recovery and relief efforts.

“It is fitting and it is right that we stand together to pay our respects to those who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>,” Mayor Healy said. “Not only did Jersey City suffer a great loss that day, but our firefighters, police officers, construction workers, and hundreds of civilian residents banded together to assist in the recovery efforts at Ground Zero.”

As in years past, the ceremony will begin with prayers and an introduction, with the **first moment of silence** being held at **8:46 a.m.**, the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Musical performances will be stopped for a **second moment of silence** at **9:02 a.m.**, the time when the second plane struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

“Each year hundreds of Jersey City residents and business people join in our service,” Mayor Healy said. “We encourage everyone to take the time to reflect on our nation’s loss. Our city and our nation cannot forget what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>.”

First Lady Maureen Healy will also lay a wreath at the 9-11 monument during this year’s ceremony.

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The ceremony is held at the site of the Jersey City 9-11 Memorial, which thousands of residents and tourists of all backgrounds visit each year. A quiet place on the Jersey City waterfront, the monument and its location offers visitors an opportunity to reflect on 9-11 while gazing across the Hudson River to where the tragedy took place.

The annual memorial service is sponsored by the Jersey City 9-11 Memorial Committee in conjunction with the City of Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs. A breakfast reception will follow the ceremony.

For more information, **contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.///**

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