



Statement of the 9-11 Commission on the Second Anniversary of the Attacks

September 9, 2003 — The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States honors the memory of the nearly 3,000 who perished two years ago at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of all who were lost on that terrible day, those who survived the attacks, and those first responders and rescuers who sacrificed so much to assist others.

Established by an act of Congress and signed into law by the President, the 9-11 Commission is required to fulfill two tasks. We are preparing a full and complete accounting of the circumstances surrounding the attacks on September 11, 2001. We will also report by next May on our findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures that can be taken to prevent acts of terrorism.

The second anniversary of this tragic day is a profound reminder of why the Commission was created. We dedicate ourselves anew to fulfillment of the Commission's mandate so that we may improve the safety and security of the American people.

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