



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 have forever changed this State and Nation, reaffirming our commitment to freedom and a cherished way of life, and in the five years since that fateful Tuesday, New York City and State have grown stronger as many people worldwide have demonstrated remarkable solidarity and a desire to help restore Lower Manhattan to its full glory; and

Whereas, in reflecting on this solemn anniversary, we remain grateful for continuous expressions of remembrance, such as that shown by a community of 900 friends and supporters from the great State of Oregon, who in early October 2001, traveled by air to New York City as a show of support for the victims of the tragic events of that September; and

Whereas, this noble mission was also undertaken in an effort to bolster America's airline industry and to help jumpstart our State and Nation's economy, and through their admirable actions and goals of contributing to our tourism industry, these individuals truly illustrated the generosity and caring spirit of all Americans during a time of tremendous sadness and dire need; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are grateful to those individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a remarkable show of support since September 11, 2001 and we especially acknowledge those Oregonians who have traveled here again to visit our City and to witness its progress in being rebuilt, as construction of the Freedom Tower has started and plans for a fitting memorial to all 9/11 victims are likewise well underway; and

Whereas, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to all taking part in the Reunion for the "Flight For Freedom" participants, which will take place on October 6, 2006 in the World's Greatest City, as this event will give these caring and patriotic citizens the opportunity to reflect and reminisce about their wonderful experiences in the Big Apple in 2001, and will provide for new memories of their time spent here together this year; and

Whereas, events such as the "Flight For Freedom" clearly illustrate that Americans will rise to meet the challenges that face us and, in doing so, disavow efforts to diminish our invincible spirit of freedom, and all New Yorkers welcome the people of Oregon who have once again come to our State with love in their hearts and to offer their support, and we are proud to join those assembled in the spirit of strength and unity that has come to define us as a State and Nation;

Now, Therefore, I, George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby thank the citizens of Oregon who participated in the 2001 "Flight for Freedom" and who are celebrating the fifth anniversary of that historic event, and I furthermore recognize them as

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offering our sincere appreciation for their efforts in supporting our City and State's economy and, most importantly, in lifting the spirit of all New Yorkers.



Governor
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