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THE 9/11 MEMORIAL HAS MADE PREPARATIONS FOR HURRICANE SANDY

(New York) October 29, 2012 -- The National September 11 Memorial & Museum has made preparations for the severe weather caused by Hurricane Sandy. As a precaution, the 9/11 Memorial is closed today and will be closed Tuesday, October 30. Please visit 911memorial.org for updates on closures.

In coordination with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the following are some of the measures that have been taken to help protect this historic and sacred site.

- Several preventative steps have been taken to help protect the site against flooding. However, mobile pumps have been strategically placed in areas of potential flooding. That includes spaces in the 9/11 Memorial Museum, which is still under construction.
- In response to high winds, facility structures, such as tents, have been reinforced, rooftops have been checked and loose items have been secured.
- Rainwater harvest tanks have been drained. The tanks are part of the Memorial's sustainable design. Water collected in the tanks is used to care for the trees, grass and other plant life.
- The drainage systems are being monitored and additional staff is on stand-by to respond safely to potential flooding.
- Operations of the Memorial's twin reflecting pools have been suspended.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM
The National September 11 Memorial & Museum is the not-for-profit corporation created to oversee the design, fundraising, programming, and operations of the Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. The Memorial and Museum are located on eight of the 16 acres of the World Trade Center site. The Memorial was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and is now open to the public. For more information or to reserve a free visitor pass to the 9/11 Memorial, go to 911memorial.org.

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