

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Dear Mayors, City Managers, and City Council Members:

This year we mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, a day that changed America forever. To commemorate this occasion and pay tribute to those we lost, the United States Senate, in an overwhelming demonstration of unity, unanimously passed a resolution establishing a national Moment of Remembrance at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011. I write to request that you join us in making this Moment of Remembrance a symbol of solidarity throughout your city and across the country.

During the Moment of Remembrance, every person across the country is called upon to **stop and remember** those we lost in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. The Moment of Remembrance will take place for one full minute at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. AKST) on September 11, 2011, and cities and towns, firehouses, churches and other institutions across the country are called upon to sound sirens and ring bells during that minute. These sirens and bells will be a signal for each person to stop and remember the people we lost and demonstrate the perseverance the American people have shown since that fateful day. Alaskans can honor their fellow citizens by participating in this event.

I hope you will participate by:

- Passing a resolution or issuing a proclamation recognizing the Moment of Remembrance;
- Working with and contacting firehouses, police, churches, and other institutions in your municipality to sound sirens and ring bells for one minute at 9:00 a.m.;
- Hosting an event to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks that includes the Moment of Remembrance; and
- Notifying your constituents of the forthcoming Moment of Remembrance by noting it on your website and through local papers, social media and other outreach mechanisms.

I've attached a sample proclamation for you to use as a guideline. Please feel free to use any part of it for your own resolution. You can get more information on the Moment of Remembrance website at: [www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember](http://www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember). You can also contact my office at (202) 224-1899 for additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Begich  
United States Senator