



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From Senate Republican Leader Flanagan

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It's hard to believe that it's been 18 years since local families, and our state and nation were forever changed by the horrific 9/11 terrorist attacks. And, while we still rightly grieve for those who lost their lives that day, I will always carry with me the pride of New York's heroic response to the evil that occurred.

Hundreds of first responders rushed to the scene in Lower Manhattan and worked to exhaustion in an effort to save the lives of people they'd never met. New Yorkers waited in line for hours to donate blood or to offer their heartfelt prayers. We respected and thanked

law enforcement for keeping us safe. Petty grievances among neighbors were quickly forgotten. And, the distance between us melted away.

I remember the strong and steady leadership provided by true New Yorkers Governor Pataki and Mayor Giuliani, and the eloquent words of President Bush at both the National Cathedral and atop the rubble at Ground Zero, all of which contributed to the healing of our nation.

Nearly two decades later, America remains the greatest and freest country in the world, and our democracy and values continue to stand tall as a beacon for peace loving people across the globe. On this day and every day, let us pause to give thanks to our heroes and remember the victims and their families.

9/11 - We will never, ever forget.

God Bless New York. And, God Bless America.