Mayor Adams' Statement on Second Anniversary of First Confirmed COVID-19 Fatality in New York City

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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement on the second anniversary of the first confirmed COVID-19 fatality in New York City:

"Today, we mourn the nearly 40,000 New Yorkers who lost their lives because of COVID-19. This pandemic has caused incalculable suffering and pain for our families, friends, and neighbors.

"As we work to recover and rebuild New York City, we must remember those that we have lost, and carry on their stories. We will never forget their names, their faces, or the ways they have shaped this great city, and we recommit ourselves, in their memories, to remake our city into one that is more just, equitable, and resilient."

Mayor Adams today ordered City Hall and the following city buildings to be lit amber this evening in honor of the anniversary:

- The David N. Dinkins Manhattan Municipal Building
- Bronx Borough Hall
- Brooklyn Borough Hall
- Queens Borough Hall
- Staten Island Borough Hall