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Event Date: Thursday, 5/20/21

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REMEMBERING THE FALLEN: NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION TO UNVEIL 'FOREVER STRONGEST' SCULPTURE HONORING ITS ESSENTIAL WORKERS LOST TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DSNY leadership will join families of those we've lost to unveil the memorial before its display at locations across the city

EVENT DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2021 – The New York City Department of Sanitation, the world's largest municipal sanitation agency, will unveil its permanent memorial sculpture, known as *Forever Strongest*, honoring members of the Department who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic. DSNY – whose employees are known as *New York's Strongest* for their work ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy city – has suffered nine confirmed COVID-19 fatalities. Over 20% of the Department's approximately 9,500 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 since March of 2020.

WHERE: Spring Street Salt Shed, 336 Spring St., Manhattan

WHEN: Program to begin at 11am Thursday. Media are invited to join us on site any time after 10am.

KEY PERSONNEL: DSNY Commissioner Edward Grayson, labor leaders, DSNY leadership, family members

VISUALS: A nearly 10-foot tall, approximately 600 lb. sculpture; a masked, socially-distanced audience; DSNY's Spring Street Salt Shed

Members of the media are encouraged to RSVP to pressoffice@dsny.nyc.gov.