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**ALL FLAGS TO FLY AT HALF-STAFF EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IN HONOR OF
YOGI BERRA**

NEW YORK—In honor of Yogi Berra – former Yankees catcher, Navy veteran, and esteemed New Yorker of sharp wit – who passed away last night at the age of 90, all flags shall be flown at half-staff, by order of the Mayor of the City of New York, Bill de Blasio.

This includes the American Flag, the New York State and City flags and the POW-MIA flag. Flags shall be flown at half-staff on all City buildings and stationary flagstuffs throughout the five boroughs.

Effective: Immediately

Flags returned to full-staff: Sunset, Thursday, September 24, 2015

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON THE PASSING OF YOGI BERRA

“The people of New York City have lost Yogi Berra – and one of the people I think defines life in this city. We all looked up to Yogi. We all felt a personal sense of connection. I think for so many of us, that felt like there’s another member of our families, and that was Yogi Berra.

What was so endearing about him was the warmth, and the wit, and the humanity, and, yes, the foibles. There are many Yogi-isms, and they are often a part of our life in the city. My personal favorite – I quote it often – is the famous ‘90 percent of this game is half mental’ – which I think could be said of public life as well. But it’s a day to celebrate all that Yogi Berra has meant to New York City. It’s obviously a sad day, but a day to celebrate 90 extraordinary years and a real part of our culture.”

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