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NEW YORK CITY TO HOLD COVID-19 MEMORIAL CEREMONY TONIGHT

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio tonight at 7:45 PM will host "A COVID-19 Day of Remembrance," a live official memorial ceremony to honor the more than 30,000 New Yorkers lost during the pandemic. Details of the event are available at nyc.gov/COVIDMemorial.

"Tonight, we honor the lives lost to this horrible pandemic and join together as a city to mourn, heal and look toward a brighter future," said **Mayor de Blasio**. "Voices from across the city will join as one to stand in solidarity and demonstrate how we remain strong, hopeful and determined."

The event will be broadcast on NYC TV and nyc.gov/COVIDMemorial. It will also appear on City social media channels, including:

- Twitter.com/NYCMayor
- Facebook.com/NYCMayor
- YouTube.com/NYCMayorsoffice.Live

Translation will be provided at 408-418-9388. New Yorkers are encouraged to share their stories, photos, and videos with the hashtag #COVIDMemorial.

The ceremony will include musical performances by the New York Philharmonic and Bishop Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir.

Faith leaders Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, Imam Abdul Azeez and Cardinal Timothy Dolan will deliver remarks. Northeast Regional Youth Poet Laureate Ambassador and NYC 2021 Youth Poet Laureate Serena Yang will perform a reading to honor the lives lost.

In addition to remarks from Mayor de Blasio and First Lady Chirlane McCray, the ceremony will also feature New Yorkers who lost their loved ones and a remembrance video produced by &Roses.

Throughout the ceremony, images of New Yorkers lost to the pandemic will be projected on to the Brooklyn Bridge with creative direction and video design provided by Brian Tovar, Jason Sherwood, and Alex Basco Koch of Livesight and thanks to a partnership with The City's MISSING THEM project. Event support was provided by iDEKO.

The full program is below:

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