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Colonial Williamsburg to Mark 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Community invited to commemoration ceremony

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (September 3, 2021)—Colonial Williamsburg invites the Williamsburg community to attend a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The brief outdoor observance will be held on the steps of the Courthouse in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 8:45am, one minute before American Airlines Flight 11 hit the World Trade Center's North Tower on that day.

The ceremony will begin with a drum cadence played by a member of The Colonial Williamsburg Fifes & Drums, and will include music, prayers, and reflections by community leaders including **Cliff Fleet**, president and CEO of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; **Douglas Pons**, mayor of Williamsburg; and **Katherine A. Rowe**, president of William & Mary. After the tolling of twenty chimes to mark the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the ceremony will conclude by 9:15 am with "Amazing Grace" played by a lone bagpiper. Participants are encouraged to practice social distancing while visiting Colonial Williamsburg. Up-to-date COVID-19 health and safety policies are available at colonialwilliamsburg.org.

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The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation preserves, restores and operates Virginia's 18th-century capital of Williamsburg. Innovative and interactive experiences highlight the relevance of the American Revolution to contemporary life and the importance of an informed, active citizenry. The Colonial Williamsburg experience includes more than 600 restored or reconstructed original buildings, renowned museums of decorative arts and folk art, extensive educational outreach programs for students and teachers, lodging, culinary options from historic taverns to casual or elegant dining, the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club featuring 45 holes designed by Robert Trent Jones and his son Rees Jones, a full-service spa and fitness center, pools, retail stores and gardens. Philanthropic support and revenue from admissions, products and hospitality operations sustain Colonial Williamsburg's educational programs and preservation initiatives.