Dear Essex County College Family,

It has been 14 years today since our nation was devastated by the largest terror attack ever on U.S. soil. Nearly 3,000 people lost their lives that terrible day, including friends, family members and associates. I know that many of our College family still have horrible memories of that day, a day that changed our world forever.

September 11, now officially known as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, is a day we, as a free nation, must never forget. I request everyone here at Essex County College observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., the precise time the first hijacked plane slammed into New York’s World Trade Center.

Please take the moment to reflect on those killed that day and pray we do not experience another event like that again. This is just a small gesture we all can do to remember those innocent lives lost. It is so very important that, as time marches on, the events of that day do not fade from our collective memories.

Sincerely,

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