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SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi today issued the following statement on the seventh anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks:

"Seven years ago today, our nation saw evil, the very worst of human nature. And we responded with the best of America -- with immense courage by rescue workers and the selfless caring by so many Americans who stepped up to help in every way they could. September 11, 2001, was perhaps the greatest assault the soil and psyche of America has ever experienced. It was a horror that took the lives of thousands of men, women, and children and savaged our nation.

Today, we honor the memories of those lost in this most appalling attack; their families, children and all loved ones who were left behind and changed forever. We also honor all those public safety officials who risked their lives in the rescue operations and those brave men and women of our Armed Forces who continue to protect our nation in the struggle to end global terrorism.

It is my sincere hope for our world, that someday soon we will eliminate the fervent hate and hostility that divides us and destroys so many lives; and prevents us from building a world of hope and opportunity for all. America must lead the world in creating a society where no child goes to bed hungry, where no parent watches their child die of disease unnecessarily and where we no longer take up arms as a means to settle our differences.

As we join together today as Californians and Americans to remember those lost on September 11, 2001, a day which changed our nation forever, let us renew our promise and determination for a new day, a new time, where all nations work together to end hatred and poverty and conflict, and let America lead."

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