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FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY FOR 10-YEAR REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

PORTLAND, OREGON (Sept. 9, 2010) – Oregonians are planning a trip to New York City over September 11, 2011 to share in the city's 10-year remembrance.

Shortly after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, one thousand Oregonians boarded planes for New York City to lend support to its grief-stricken citizens and bolster the devastated economy. This show of support became known as **Flight For Freedom** and it helped draw national attention to the needs of New York. Blanketing the city with their *Oregon Loves NY* buttons and t-shirts, Oregonians marched in the Columbus Day Parade, rang the opening bell of the New York Stock Exchange, visited firehouses that first responded to the attacks, and supported the local tourist-based economy. The group's visit to the near-empty city also brought hundreds of employees back to work at the famed Waldorf=Astoria Hotel where they stayed. In 2006, **Flight For Freedom** once again traveled to New York to recapture the spirit of unity and remember the losses suffered five years prior.

Flight For Freedom 2011 will return to the Waldorf=Astoria and share in the city's very special ceremonies that honor and pay tribute to the victims of 9/11. This effort will be led by the original organizers Sho and Loen Dozono, Bruce Samson, Jack McGowan, Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish, and former State Treasurer Randall Edwards; with honorary chairs Senator Ron Wyden & Nancy Bass Wyden and Congressman David Wu. "It will be difficult to recapture the tremendous emotions we experienced when we traveled to New York only a few weeks after 9/11/2001, so we return to New York now stronger and with the purpose of remembering that horrific time in history" said organizer and businessman, Sho Dozono. "We hope that old friends, as well as new friends, join us in New York for this memorable experience."

In addition to the city's commemorative events, **Flight For Freedom** travelers will have an opportunity to meet and hear from some of the World Trade Center first responders and attend a very special peace concert with Oregon musicians. Anyone who would like to register their interest in joining **Flight For Freedom 2011** may do so at www.flightforfreedom.com.

Note to media: Details on past **Flight For Freedom** trips may be found at www.flightforfreedom.com.

