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Good morning.

Fifty hours later it's still mindboggling.

Yet it is encouraging that our country's leaders and our people are moving forward with resolve.

But in many ways, as hours and days pass, it is more difficult to cope.

The reality of innocent victims being confirmed dead.

The reality of families being torn apart and overwhelmed with uncertainty, shock and grief.

We are a strong country and a strong people but it is important that we help each other through these difficult times.

Countries of the world must come together, our United States must come together, our cities must come together, and our people must come together.

It is a time when we must draw on the strength of our great diversity and unite against fear and terror.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock we are inviting the people of Minnesota to come together at the state capitol in St. Paul to express, together, their grief and concern for those affected by this terrible tragedy.

It will be a day for Minnesota to remember.

It will be a memorial from the heartland.

With the help of Mayor Norm Coleman, Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, Peg Chamberlin of the Minnesota Council of Churches, Jac Sperling of the Minnesota Wild, Paul Ridgeway of Ridgeway International and many others too numerous to mention, we are able to plan this very important event.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Minnesota for their steadfast resolve to stay together in these difficult times.

Thank you and I hope I will see you on Sunday.

Now let me introduce Mayor Coleman.



Press Conference Format:

- First Lady introduces GJV
- GJV introduces Mayor Coleman
- Mayor Coleman introduces Mayor Sayles Belton
- Mayor Sayles Belton introduces Peg Chamberlin
- Group takes Questions from media