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2,999 US FLAGS TO BE DISPLAYED ON STATEHOUSE LAWN TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11TH ON PATRIOT DAY

Columbus, OH – During the evening hours of Sept.10, the Statehouse lawn will start its transformation to the Memorial Field of Flags – a visual display of the Pentagon and the World Trade Center – 2,999 flags representing the number of lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

For the third consecutive year, the Ohio Community Service Council, Ohio Citizen Corps and FirstLink are partnering with the Ohio Department of Public Safety and a diverse group of state and local volunteers to create the U.S. flag display to commemorate Patriot Day and National Preparedness Month.

County emergency management agencies, first responders, local American Red Cross chapters, schools and local businesses throughout the state and across the nation will host a variety of activities for National Preparedness Month (NPM). The theme for NPM 2009 is “Are you ready? Or, Are You **Ready?**” which focuses on changing America’s perception about emergency preparedness and to help people understand what it truly means to be ready for any disaster or emergency.

WHO: Ohio Citizens

WHAT: Flag Memorial. Placement of 2,999 flags in remembrance of the lives lost Sept.11, 2001.

WHEN: **Thursday, September 10, 2009**
4:00pm-7:00pm

WHERE: Ohio State House
West Lawn

For additional information on readiness and NPM 2009, visit Ohio’s Web site:
www.ready.ohio.gov or FEMA’s site: www.ready.gov.

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