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C.A.C.A. Observes 17th Anniversary of September 11 Attack with Remembrance and a Call for Unity and Charitable Service

San Francisco, September 11, 2018—On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, terrorists struck the United States, claiming the lives of more than 2,900 people and injuring over 6,000 others. Coordinated assaults from hijacked passenger jets collapsed the World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City and damaged the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. United Airlines Flight 93, which had been taken over by terrorists and believed to be targeting the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., was derailed by the heroic actions of passengers and crash landed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In 2002, the National Day of Service and Remembrance, or 9/11 Day, was established as a federally-recognized day of unity and charitable service. Volunteers across the nation engage in various activities that support and honor those who were lost and injured on 9/11: veterans, soldiers, military families, and rescue and recovery workers, including first responders.

Today, the Nation’s oldest, continuous civil rights and social advocacy organization for American citizens of Chinese ancestry, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) observes 9/11 by honoring the sacrifices through the call for service and volunteering by improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement. These are similar maxims found in C.A.C.A.’s Purposes and Objectives.

“Our thoughts are with the families of the victims on the airplanes and on the ground, and with the firefighters, police officers, medical emergency personnel and ordinary citizens whose demonstration of sacrifice continues to inspire courage, selflessness and giving,” said Davace Chin, C.A.C.A. National President.

9/11 Day is overseen by Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that leads service, volunteering, and grant-making efforts in the United States. Visit www.nationalservice.gov/serve/september-11th-national-day-service-and-remembrance

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Chinese American Citizens Alliance
The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Boston (MA), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Greater New York (NY), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Seattle (WA) and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.