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### Res. No. 2299

Resolution calling on the City of New York to display the “Missing in Attack On Our Nation” flag at City Hall for a period of 30 days or such longer period as the Mayor and the City Council jointly deem appropriate commencing each September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and as a public statement against terrorism.

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Whereas, The Missing in Attack On Our Nation (“MIA-OON”) flag was designed in the aftermath of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks to serve as a constant reminder of those who died that day and as a tribute to victims of terrorist attacks around the world; and

Whereas, The MIA-OON flag contains the color yellow, which symbolizes hope that those captured by terrorists will be safely returned, and black, which honors those who have died in a terrorist attack; and

Whereas, The center of the flag depicts the silhouette of a mother holding hands with a small child, symbolizing that terrorist attacks target the most vulnerable members of society; and

Whereas, The flag was flown at United States army base Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, and is currently displayed at Ground Zero as well as in Afghanistan by the Army’s 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division; and

Whereas, Flying the MIA-OON flag at City Hall every September 11<sup>th</sup> to honor the 2,976 killed and thousands more injured in the 2001 attacks would be especially meaningful because of City Hall’s close proximity to Ground Zero; and

Whereas, As the United States prepares to send an additional 30,000 soldiers to fight the War on Terror in Afghanistan, it is critical that the home front show support for the troops and never forget the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> and other terrorist attacks around the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the City of New York to display the

“Missing in Attack On Our Nation” flag at City Hall for a period of 30 days or such longer period as the Mayor and the City Council jointly deem appropriate commencing each September 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and as a public statement against terrorism.

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