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### FIELD OF U.S. FLAGS TO DISPLAY ON STATEHOUSE LAWN TO COMMEMORATE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>

**Columbus, OH** – This evening, the Ohio Statehouse lawn will start its annual transformation to the Memorial Field of Flags – a visual display of 2,999 American flags arranged to signify the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The flags represent the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

The Memorial Field of Flags has been a patriotic tradition at the Statehouse since September 2002. The flag display is sponsored and organized by HandsOn, Central Ohio. A diverse group of state and local volunteers partner to create the display in commemoration of Patriot Day and National Preparedness Month.

County emergency management agencies, first responders, local American Red Cross chapters, schools and businesses throughout the state and across the nation are hosting a variety of activities for National Preparedness Month and to acknowledge the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11. This year's theme for National Preparedness Month is ***A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare.***

**WHO:** Ohio Citizens

**WHAT:** Memorial Field of Flags – Flag Placement

**WHEN:** TODAY, Thursday, September 8, 2011  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Ohio Statehouse, West Lawn  
1 Capitol Square, Columbus

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