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Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 2:51 PM
To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)
Subject: Community Board 1 Resolution
Attachments: VCF RESO.pdf

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find attached a copy of a resolution passed unanimously by Community Board 1 in Manhattan regarding our support for the September 11th Families' association comments on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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# Manhattan Community Board 1

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## COMMUNITY BOARD # 1 – MANHATTAN RESOLUTION

DATE: APRIL 26, 2011

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: NEW BUSINESS

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Support the September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association 04/14/2011 Letter Commenting on the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010

WHEREAS: The September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association was founded by New York City Fire Department families in November 2001 to provide information to all 9/11 families, to present evolving issues, and to share resources for long-term recovery. It expanded to create the Tribute WTC Visitor Center in 2004; and

WHEREAS: In its mission to support the 9/11 community which includes survivors, family members who lost loved ones, first responders, civilian volunteers, neighborhood residents, the September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association submitted attached written comments (dated April 14, 2011) on implementing the James Zadroga Health and Compensation Act of 2010, specifically on the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF); and

WHEREAS: The VCF, as implemented, should:

1. Assure a transparent, consistent process that enables claimants to make informed decisions and helps them to manage their expectations.
2. Resolve uncertainties in favor of claimants, assure prompt determination of awards, and minimize the burden on claimants.
3. Allow claimants to the original VCF, who did not know, and could not have reasonably have known, of their WTC-related health conditions before the original VCF closed on December 22, 2003, to reopen their claims; and should not penalize those who file early in the new program, by preventing them from seeking compensation for WTC-related health conditions added to the list after their claims are resolved; and now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board 1 (CB1) supports the comments submitted by the September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association Letter supporting the "implementation of the reopened VCF in a manner that is fair, consistent, transparent, eases the burden on claimants, and as in the original VCF, 'resolv[es] uncertainties in favor of the claimant.'"