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**Fmr. CIA Director Michael Hayden, Fmr. Deputy Nat'l Security Advisor Elliott Abrams
Address Threats to U.S. Security at 9/11 Tribute and Forum**

Denver (Sept., 5, 2018) – Gov. John Hickenlooper and Mayor Michael B. Hancock, in partnership with *The Denver Post* and the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL), will host **Colorado Remembers 9/11** to commemorate the 17th anniversary of 9/11 and educate the public on current threats to U.S. security, including a discussion on Russia, North Korea and global terrorism. The event will take place on **Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018** at The Ellie Caulkins Opera House at Denver Performing Arts Complex at 7:00 p.m.

Colorado Remembers 9/11 will pay respect to lives lost and honor our first responders and service men and women with a special remembrance ceremony. Following the commemoration, an educational forum entitled *Threats to U.S. Security & Trump's Response: Russia, North Korea & Global Terrorism* will feature former CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden and former Deputy National Security Advisor Elliott Abrams. Husain Haqqani, former ambassador of Pakistan to the U.S., and Tom Sanderson, former director of the Transnational Threats Project at CSIS, are also members of the panel.

“Security threats have evolved since the tragic events of 9/11, and the U.S. is facing an unprecedented time in history with respect to global security,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “We are privileged to have some of the foremost thought leaders here in Colorado to examine the situation today and provide their expertise on what the future holds.”

“Every year, I am honored to co-host this important event as we remember and pay tribute to those we’ve lost, their families, and the first responders and service men and women who continue to defend our freedoms,” said Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

The panel will discuss current national security threats, President Trump’s response, and the geopolitical landscape with respect to Russia, North Korea and Iran.

RSVP Required For ALL ATTENDING PRESS:

Members of the media are required to register and obtain press credentials upon arrival. Press registration opens at **6:00 p.m.** in the lobby of The Ellie Caulkins Opera House. If you know you will be in attendance, please email mavner@mizelinstitute.org by **Wednesday, Sept. 12 at noon.**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no admittance to the auditorium between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. during the 9/11 Commemoration.

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