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**STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN TIM BISHOP ON THE OCCASION
OF A
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS
OF HURRICANE KATRINA**

WASHINGTON, DC -- As our nation begins the long process of healing and rebuilding in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, let us pause to remember the many lives lost and families who have had their lives tragically altered. They will remain in our prayers.

We also offer our immeasurable gratitude to the thousands of volunteers, charitable organizations and emergency responders who have labored tirelessly, and who have come to the support of their fellow Americans. We thank especially those who have opened their homes to strangers, in what is truly a selfless act of kindness. We in New York are all too familiar with tragedy of massive proportions, but we also know firsthand the healing power of a nation coming together in response.

We will bear an eternal scar reminding us of our vulnerability to nature's wrath, but it is in the face of such great catastrophe that we are once again humbled by the generosity of the American people and the strength of the human spirit.

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