

STATEMENT CHAIRMAN HAL BERNSON AT
8/15 MEETING

BY THE TIME THIS BOARD MEETS AGAIN IN FULL, THIS COUNTRY WILL MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MTA HAS FITTING PLANS TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS TRADGIC EVENT.

DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11TH, THE MTA WILL BE HOLDING BLOOD DRIVES AT NUMEROUS MTA SITES. WE'RE DOING THIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, GREATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.

OUR GOAL IS TO TRY AND RAISE ONE PINT OF BLOOD FOR EVERY LIFE LOST AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER, THE PENTAGON, AND ON THE FOUR AIRPLANES IN THOSE ATTACKS – 3,078 PINTS.

THAT IS AN AMBITIOUS GOAL BUT CERTAINLY A WORTHY ONE. THE BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE OPEN TO MTA EMPLOYEES,

THEIR FAMILIES, OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS AND OUR PARTNERS IN OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES.

I ALSO ENCOURAGE ALL MTA BOARD MEMBERS, AND BOARD STAFF, WHO ARE ABLE TO AND COMFORTABLE DONATING BLOOD, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT. I AM PASSING AROUND INFORMATION ON THE DATES AND LOCATIONS OF THE BLOOD DRIVE. I HOPE YOU WILL SIGN-UP AND TOGETHER WE CAN BE PART OF THIS EFFORT. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK THE MTA SAFETY DEPARTMENT FOR COORDINATING THIS EFFORT.