



Mayor Whaley announces participation in national COVID-19 memorial

The first nationwide COVID-19 memorial to lives lost is part of the inauguration of President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris

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Dayton, Ohio — Today, Mayor Nan Whaley announced that the City of Dayton will be participating in the national Memorial to Lives Lost to COVID-19 by lighting bridges and underpasses in amber at dusk. The memorial will take place in Washington D.C. and nationwide on January 19, 2021, starting at 5:30 p.m. EST and continuing at 5:30 p.m. local time in cities and towns across the country. The memorial will feature the lighting of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and the illumination of buildings and ringing of church bells in a national moment of unity and remembrance.

The program in Washington D.C. will emphasize the importance of looking back and remembering the lives we've lost to COVID-19 as we look forward to the hope of a new path and a brighter future.

“Our community and our country have been through an incredibly challenging few years,” said Mayor Whaley. “This evening, we are pausing to reflect on the lives lost to COVID-19 and the adversity that we have already overcome as a community. Moving forward, we can take strength from that shared history as we renew our resolve to face new challenges and work toward living up to our ideals, together.”

“The inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris represents the beginning of a new national journey. However, in the midst of a pandemic – when so many Americans are grieving the loss of family, friends, and neighbors – it is important that we honor those who have died, reflect on what has been one of the more challenging periods in this nation’s history, and renew our commitment to coming together to unite our country, end the pandemic, and rebuild our nation,” said Presidential Inaugural Committee Communications Director Pili Tobar.

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