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**Please Join us in a Ceremony of Remembrance on September
21, 2009**

Sacramento, CA – Additional Contacts: See Below for Regional
Contact Information

At 1:55 pm there will be a statewide moment of silence to honor those who died unrecognized at State Hospitals and Developmental Centers. By giving respect to people with developmental and mental disabilities who died anonymously, we are honoring the humanity of all of us. All are welcome.

The 9 ceremonies will be different, but each will feature memories of deceased residents by friends or family members, poems or songs, news about the California Memorial Project and light refreshments.

The annual remembrance day ceremonies are organized by the California Memorial Project (CMP), which is supported by three advocacy organizations: People First of California, California Network of Mental Health Clients and Disability Rights California. At least

45,000 individuals who died in California institutions were buried in unmarked graves and the CMP is working to establish permanent memorials to them.

CONTACTS:

NORTH

12:15-1:15 PM

Ukiah Cemetery

Russian River Cemetery District

940 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 94582

Contact: Rob Chittenden (707) 834-0114

CENTRAL VALLEY

10:30AM – 11:30 AM

Stockton Rural Cemetery

2350 Cemetery Lane, Stockton, CA 95204

Contact: Daniel Meadows (916) 346-0395

11:00-12:00 PM

Porterville Hillcrest Cemetery

1013 East Olive Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257

Contact: Gabby Poblete-Morales (559) 564-2381

11:00-12:00 PM

Park View Cemetery

3661 East French Camp Rd., Manteca, CA 95336

Contact: Jenny Olson (916) 300-9616

BAY AREA

1:00-2:00 PM

Agnews Historic Cemetery

1250 Hope Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Contact: Yvonne McGough (510) 267-1258

1:30 - 2:30 PM

Napa State Hospital

2100 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa, CA 94558

Contact: Alicia Mendoza (530) 300-8648

1:00-2:00 PM
Sonoma Developmental Center
15000 Arnold Drive, Eldridge, CA 95431
Contact: Sharon Schmidt (707) 537-8938

SOUTH
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Patton State Hospital
3102 East Highland Ave., Patton, CA 92369
Contact: Garnet Magnus (951) 312-3092

11:30-12:30 PM
Metropolitan State Hospital
11401 South Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, CA 90650
Contact: Robyn Gantsweg (213) 427-8747

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by honoring our own . . .