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**Former CIA Director John Brennan and Columnist Bret Stephens
to Address North Korea, Terrorism and Security Challenges at 9/11 Tribute**

Denver, CO (September 5, 2017) – Governor 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 16th anniversary of 9/11 and educate the public on the current extremism crisis. The event will take place on September 7, 2017 at the Newman Center at the University of Denver 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 *Extremism Crisis: Security Challenges in the Post-9/11 Era* will feature former CIA Director John Brennan (2013-17) and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and foreign policy expert Bret Stephens.

“It is incumbent upon us to take advantage of opportunities like this to gain a better understanding of security challenges we face as a nation,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “John Brennan’s intelligence experience and Bret Stephens’ coverage of foreign affairs will bring important context as we commemorate this 16th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks as well as help educate on current threats.”

“We must do everything we can to combat violent extremism, and this in-depth analysis is critical as we work to ensure community safety,” said Mayor Michael B. Hancock. “It is important to remember and pay tribute, as we vow to remain focused on preventing atrocities like 9/11 from ever happening again.”

Equipped with 36 years of intelligence agency experience, Brennan will explore the extremism crisis, national security, terrorism hot spots and foreign affairs. He will provide expert insight on how the war on terrorism impacts our everyday lives and will address the current geopolitical landscape, including North Korea, Russia, Iran and more.

Foreign policy expert, author and highly awarded columnist for *The New York Times* and previously *The Wall Street Journal*, Stephens will guide this timely conversation, offering his perspectives on international affairs and domestic policies with respect to global security.

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 Newman Center. If you know you will be in attendance, please email mavner@mizelinstitute.org by Wednesday, September 6 at noon.

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

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