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New Year, New Decade!

To all our Members I'd like to say **Happy New Year and welcome to 2020!** The beginning of a new year is always filled with hope and excitement as we wipe the slate clean and start anew, both personally and professionally.

My hope for 2020 is that all our Members are fully engaged with the Association, lending your knowledge, experience, and passion to support our collective cause – to advance and strengthen emergency management throughout the nation. **YOU**, our Members, are NEMA's greatest asset and every voice is important and needed to help us make a difference. NEMA can do the best job for you when you take an active role in the organization.

As one of your first NEMA actions of the new year, I encourage you to attend the **2020 Mid-Year Forum on March 27-31 in Alexandria, VA**. The opportunity to meet and exchange thoughts with like-minded professionals is invaluable. Effective emergency management isn't accomplished in a vacuum. We need each other! If you've never attended a NEMA forum, you're truly missing out on one of the greatest benefits the Association has to offer. **Register today!** Next, follow us on **Twitter @NEMA_web** and **LinkedIn National Emergency Management Association**. This is a really easy way to engage with NEMA!

This is my 27th year with NEMA. I continue to be honored and humbled to be affiliated with such dedicated, talented, compassionate and professional people as all of you. In 2020, I wish you peace, prosperity, and all the other things you're hoping for. Thank you for your support.

Happy New Year!

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