



TO: NFL Staff

FROM: Commissioner Goodell

RE: Monday Night's Game in New Orleans

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Last Monday night's game and its related weekend events in New Orleans will rank among the NFL's finest moments.

Many people throughout our organization made tremendous contributions to the successful return of the Saints to the Louisiana Superdome. Everyone should take pride in being part of this accomplishment. This series of events reflected extremely well on the NFL by demonstrating our values and commitment to community. As many have offered to me, "only the NFL could do that."

The restoration and reopening of the Superdome, and the Saints' return to New Orleans, provided an enormous boost to the entire Gulf Coast community. While everyone recognizes the great challenges remain for the people of that region, we in the NFL for one night gave the people of the Gulf Coast a reason to celebrate and be proud.

My thanks and congratulations to each of you on a truly special occasion.