



Nick Pirro Day

WHEREAS, Nicholas Pirro was born May 29, 1940 in Syracuse. He grew up on the City's North Side and attended Our Lady of Pompei School and Christian Brothers Academy. A graduate of LeMoyne College, Nick also served our country from 1959 to 1965 as a member of the 174th Tactical Fighter Wing of the New York Air National Guard, serving in active duty in Phaslbourg, France during the Berlin Crisis; and

WHEREAS, Nick began his career in public service in 1965 when he was appointed to the Board of Supervisors, now the Onondaga County Legislature. As a member of the County Legislature, Nick served in a number of key leadership positions including Chairman of the Health Committee, Minority Leader and Chairman of the County Legislature. In April of 1987 Nick announced his attention to run for County Executive and that November was elected to become Onondaga County's second County Executive; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 20-year tenure as County Executive, Nick has compiled an impressive record of accomplishments including, the establishment of the Onondaga County Community College Campus, the reestablishment of the City of Syracuse/County of Onondaga Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, the implementation of our nationally accredited and award winning 911 Emergency Communications System, the creation of the Onondaga County Public Library System, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park, the Center for Forensic Sciences and the County's Veteran's Cemetery, the opening of the OnCenter convention center (now the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center at Oncenter). He has overseen the construction of an estimated \$450 million upgrade to the Metropolitan Sewage Treatment Plant which is having a dramatic impact on the water quality in Onondaga Lake and has provided sound fiscal management of the County's \$1.1 billion budget, maintaining the highest possible bond rating and keeping tax increases small; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his government service, Nick has also dedicated much of his time to various community and charitable organizations including The Americanization League, the Department of Aging & Youth, the Mental Health Association, Scouting For Food, Success by 6, the LeMoyne College Board of Regents, the United Way and has served as Santa Paws for the Central New York SPCA nearly every year since 1993; and

WHEREAS, We take this opportunity on the eve of his retirement to congratulate Nick Pirro on his many accomplishments as County Executive and thank him for over 40 years of dedicated service to the people of Onondaga County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew J. Driscoll, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the thirty-first day of December, two thousand and seven as

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In the City of Syracuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this thirty-first day of December, two thousand and seven.

Matthew J. Driscoll
Mayor