



Office of the Mayor
Matthew J. Driscoll, Mayor

WHEREAS, The Irish area of Syracuse, called Tipperary Hill, is home to the world-renowned upside-down traffic light where the green light hangs over the red light; and

WHEREAS, When the first traffic light was hung on the top of Tipperary Hill, a group of Irish patriots, refusing to allow the Green to hang below the red, threw stones at the light until it needed to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, After several replacement traffic lights were hung and the stoning continued, the City of Syracuse decided to allow the light to hang with the green above the red; and

WHEREAS, Stone Throwers Park was so named and a monument erected to forever memorialize the original group of stone throwers, who through their perseverance and their love of the “Green”, forever changed the light to shine Green over red: Jocko Behan, Richie Britt, James “Duke” Coffee, Patrick “Packy” Corbett, Kenny Davis, George Dorsey, Mikis Murphy, Stubbs Shortt, and Eugene Thompson.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW J. DRISCOLL, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the seventeenth day of March, Two Thousand Four as

STONETHROWERS PARK DAY
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 seventeenth day of March, Two Thousand Four.

Matthew J. Driscoll
Mayor