



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 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: Jocko Behan, Richie Britt, James “Duke” Coffee, Patrick “Packy” Corbett, Kenny Davis, George Dorsey, Mikis Murphy, Stubbs Shortt, and Eugene Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Today we also honor Fr. Peter Reddick of St. Patrick’s Church, for his advocacy on behalf of all members of our community and for his work in establishing this memorial honoring our Stone Throwers Park.

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

STONE THROWERS 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 fourteenth day of March, Two Thousand Seven.

Matthew J. Driscoll
Mayor