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**CITY OF SYRACUSE TO RECOGNIZE HAUDENOSAUNEE  
WITH FRIDAY FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

*Event to Kick Off Circa Stage of Nations ECOfest Will Highlight the Diverse  
Culture of the Haudenosaunee People.*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The city of Syracuse will recognize our Haudenosaunee neighbors with a flag raising to kick off the Circa Stage of Nations ECOfest in Hanover Square in Syracuse. The Mayor will issue a proclamation declaring Friday to will be the “Circa Stage of Nations ECOfest Day” in the city of Syracuse. The festival will take place on **Friday, July 28, 2017** in Hanover Square, in the city of Syracuse.

"This is the 9th year of our event in Hanover Square. As the only Indigenous People's festival in Syracuse, we are pleased to share the Haudenosaunee culture with our neighbors. Along with our dancing, singing and arts, an important part of this festival is the opportunity for our Nation to fulfill its role as peacemakers and as stewards of the environment," said **Irv Lyons** of the Onondaga Nation.

The Circa Stage of Nations ECOfest Day will showcase the diverse musical, dance, culinary and cultural talents of the Haudenosaunee people. This day commemorates the culture of the people native to the land around present-day Onondaga County for over four thousand years.

The full text of Mayor Miner’s proclamation appears below:

- WHEREAS, The Onondaga Nation, together with their Haudenosaunee brethren of the Mohawks, Oneidas, Cayugas, Senecas and Tuscaroras, have resided in the areas that have become known as the city of Syracuse and across upstate New York; and,
- WHEREAS, For over four thousand years the peoples of the Onondaga Nation, also known as the People of the Hills, have been our neighbors, and since before the formation of the United States of America have been recognized as a sovereign nation; and,
- WHEREAS, The Haudenosaunee, represent a diverse culture rich in music, dance and sport, much of which has gained popularity among those who settled into this area; and,
- WHEREAS, The awareness of the uniqueness of the Haudenosaunee accomplishments has spread across the United States and into many of the foreign countries which the ancestors of many of our current residents lived before coming to Central New York; and,



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- WHEREAS, Hanover Square in the City of Syracuse will be the site of the Circare Stage of Nations ECOfest, the only festival in Onondaga County that exclusively features the talents of the Haudenosaunee Nation, the Indigenous Peoples of this area; and
- WHEREAS, The residents of the City of Syracuse and Central New York, and visitors from around the world, will see, hear, taste and experience the diverse musical, dance, culinary and cultural talents of the Haudenosaunee at the Circare Stage of Nations ECOfest; and,
- WHEREAS, The people of Syracuse proudly recognizing and honoring both those who created the Circare Stage of Nations ECOfest and the Haudenosaunee citizens who will perform at it, and to welcome our visitors from all corners of the globe to the city of Syracuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHANIE A. MINER, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN as

**Circare Stage of Nations ECOfest 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 TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.

/s/  
Stephanie A. Miner  
Mayor

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