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**MINER DIRECTS FLAGS AT CITY HALL
LOWERED TO HALF-STAFF IN HONOR OF
JERRY BERRIGAN**

*Berrigan, a Nationally Known Activist for Peace and Social Justice,
Died at His Syracuse Home on Sunday*

*Miner: Jerry Berrigan Made a Difference in Our Community and our
Country and For That We Owe Him a Debt of Gratitude*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner issued a proclamation today directing the flags at City Hall flown at half-staff for a period of one week in honor of Jerry Berrigan, an activist for peace and social justice, who died on Sunday at his home in the Valley neighborhood at 95.

“Jerry Berrigan made a difference in the lives of our community and in our country and for that contribution we owe him a debt of gratitude,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “Mr. Berrigan will always be remembered fondly in our community as someone who cared about the less fortunate and bringing peace, whether it was to his neighborhood or across the globe. Jerry will be missed by all who knew him and we will carry his lessons into the next generation.”

Mayor Miner’s proclamation recognizing Berrigan can be found below:

WHEREAS, Jerry Berrigan was a treasure to the Syracuse community and dedicated his life to serving others; and,

WHEREAS, His service as an activist for peace, education, and building our community is now and always will be a gift for future generations; and,

WHEREAS, One of five brothers in the Berrigan family of activists, Jerry learned from his parents, Tom and Frida Berrigan, at a young age what it meant to be involved in social justice and making a difference in the lives of others around him; and,

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WHEREAS, Jerry was a fighter for justice and equality and such luminaries, the likes of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, and Rev. Charles Brady had the pleasure of counting him among their acquaintances and friends; and,

WHEREAS, Jerry joined with his brothers to oppose the nation's involvement in the Vietnam War, knowing that young soldiers should not die in the fights of old men; and,

WHEREAS, Teaching English to young men and women for a lifetime helped Jerry show others that through thoughts and ideas, one could bring peace through communication and art; and,

WHEREAS, Jerry Berrigan was accompanied through every trial, test, and triumph with his wife of sixty one years, Carol Rizzo, at his side; and,

WHEREAS, While Jerry Berrigan left this life on July 26, 2015 for a rest he earned, his legacy will live on and his spirit will continue to inspire our community to be a better place.

THEREFORE, I, STEPHANIE A. MINER, Mayor of the City of Syracuse hereby direct the flags outside Syracuse City Hall to be flown at half-staff for a period of seven days, beginning on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 and lasting through Tuesday, August 4, 2015 in honor of Jerry Berrigan and his life of service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this twenty-seventh day of July, Two Thousand Fifteen.

/s/

Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

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