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Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

**PROCLAMATION**

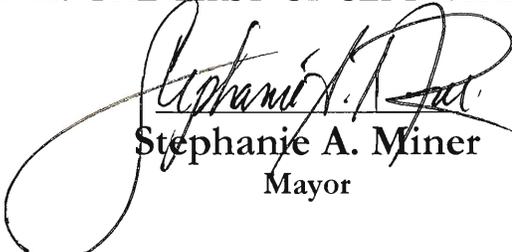
- WHEREAS,** Nearly a thousand years ago the Onondaga Nation, together with their Haudenosaunee brethren, began playing “the Creator’s Game,” now known as lacrosse, in an area that was to become the City of Syracuse and the County of Onondaga; and,
- WHEREAS,** Lacrosse quickly gained popularity among many Europeans who moved into Central New York, and the popularity of the sport spread across the United States making lacrosse the fastest growing team sport in the world; and,
- WHEREAS,** The indoor version of lacrosse, also known as ‘box lacrosse,’ is now being played in over 35 countries; and
- WHEREAS,** The Haudenosaunee Nation will host the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships - the first time Indigenous Peoples have been given such an honor involving an internationally-sanctioned competition; and,
- WHEREAS,** Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and the US will be sending lacrosse teams to where the game began, to compete on the Onondaga Nation and to play internationally televised championship games in Syracuse University’s Carrier Dome; and,
- WHEREAS,** I join our citizens of every ethnicity and nationality, and visitors from around the world and from across the Six Haudenosaunee Nations, in proudly recognizing and honoring both those who created lacrosse and those who play it internationally.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHANIE A. MINER,** Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the **MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN** as

**“LACROSSE IS COMING HOME” MONTH**

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 **THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN.**

  
**Stephanie A. Miner**  
Mayor

