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**AS THE WORLD INDOOR LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS
COME TO SYRACUSE, MINER RECOGNIZES SYRACUSE'S
HAUDENOSAUNEE HERITAGE AT CITY HALL CEREMONY**

Beginning This Weekend, the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships Will Take Place in Central New York, Hosted by the Onondaga Nation – the First Time a Native Nation Has Hosted the Games

Miner: This is an Honor for Our Community – the Birthplace of Lacrosse – to Welcome the WILC and Celebrate our Haudenosaunee Heritage

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner welcomed members of the Onondaga Nation to City Hall today to raise the Haudenosaunee flag, and to celebrate the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships (WILC), which will be played in Central New York starting September 18. This is the first time in the Mayor's administration a flag of a Native people has been raised at City Hall.

"The eyes of the world will be on Syracuse and our Native neighbors as we play host to the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships and I could not be more proud of the work our community has done to welcome our global guests," said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. "This is an honor for our community—the birthplace of lacrosse—to welcome the WILC and celebrate our heritage with spirited competition and a worldwide audience."

"On behalf of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, we are honored to have our flag flown at City Hall," said **Tadodaho Sidney Hill**. "We are also thrilled to welcome everyone to World Indoor Lacrosse Championships of 2015."

Mayor Miner was joined at today's flag raising ceremony by Mr. Hill and Onondaga Nation Faithkeeper Chief Oren Lyons. The Mayor presented the nation's representatives with a proclamation declaring September "Lacrosse is Coming Home Month" in the City of Syracuse.

The FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship is an international tournament that is held every four years. The 2011 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championships were held in Prague, Czech

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Republic. The defending World Champions are Canada, with the Iroquois Nationals finishing second and the United States finishing third. These nations will compete again in 2015 alongside Australia, Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.

About the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships (WILC)

Lacrosse is coming home. For the first time ever, the FIL (Federation of International Lacrosse) will hold the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships at the home of the game: The Onondaga Nation, capital of the Iroquois Confederacy. The Games will be played September 18-27th at three venues in and around the Syracuse area: Opening Ceremonies and first tournament matches at the War Memorial Arena; Tournament matches as well as Cultural Festivals and Activities at Onondaga Nation Arena; and Closing Ceremonies and Bronze & Gold Medal Games at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University on Sunday, September 27th. For more information on the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships or to purchase tickets, please visit www.wilc2015.com.

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