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MAYOR ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SYRACUSE AND CROUSE HOSPITAL

*Crouse Hospital to Provide \$50,000 Annually
For Four Years to City of Syracuse*

*Miner: Agreement Shows Crouse's Leadership, Importance of
Strong Partnerships with Non-Profit Employers*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced today a services agreement has been reached with Crouse Hospital to provide an annual payment of \$50,000 for four years to the City of Syracuse to help defer the police, fire, and department of public works costs incurred by the facility. Currently, more than 50% of properties in the City of Syracuse are tax exempt, with a total value of nearly \$4 billion.

“Crouse Hospital understands we cannot succeed as a city without our large non-profit institutions and that our large non-profit institutions cannot succeed without a vital and healthy city,” said Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. “This agreement shows Crouse’s leadership and how important it is to have strong partnerships with our leading employers—our non-profits—to ensure we can move this community forward in challenging times.”

“As a major contributor to the physical and economic health of our region, Crouse Hospital values its partnership with the City of Syracuse as well as the services and support its various departments provide to our institution 365 days a year,” states Crouse Chief Executive Officer Paul Kronenberg, MD.

“We also understand the fiscal challenges the City is facing. This agreement – which is fair and reasonable given our own economic reality – will not solve the City’s current financial



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challenges. It does, however, reflect our acknowledgement and willingness to help address this serious issue.”

This is the second service agreement negotiated by Mayor Miner. It was announced in June, 2011 that Syracuse University would provide five annual payments of \$500,000 to the city. Since taking office, Mayor Miner has sought to find new revenues in a city where over 50% is tax exempt. Among her accomplishments, the Mayor has negotiated a new sales tax revenue sharing formula agreement with Onondaga County. In addition, she has negotiated contracts freezing wage growth and increasing employee contributions for healthcare.

“As I press in Albany for changes in state policies that hold the key to the big ticket savings for cities, it is important institutions like Syracuse University and Crouse Hospital step forward voluntarily to help build a new model for financing our cities. My message in Albany is strongest when Syracuse is the city where major non-profits help pay for police, fire, and other vital services to keep the regional core vibrant,” added the Mayor.

The two service agreements negotiated by Mayor Miner will generate \$2.7 million over the next five years.

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