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MINER CELEBRATES FESTA ITALIANA WITH CITY HALL FLAG RAISING

2013 Marks 15th Year of Festa Italiana in Downtown Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner welcomed members of the Central New York Italian-American community to city hall today to kick off the annual Festa Italiana with a flag raising ceremony. This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of this annual celebration of Italian-American culture and heritage.

“It is a great pleasure to mark this annual celebration at City Hall,” said **Mayor Stephanie Miner**. “I am pleased to welcome members of the Italian-American community to City Hall for this festive and exciting event.”

The flag raising was emceed by CNYCentral anchor Laura Hand. Additionally, New York State Senator John A. DeFrancisco will speak. Local Italian-Americans offered musical and dance performances celebrating the Italian culture.

“From 1998 to present Festa Italiana has provided a weekend downtown where three generations of families are able to get together for good food and great entertainment,” said Festa Italiana board member **Linda DeFrancisco**. “It’s always been free and open to the public for all nationalities to enjoy not only our food but also bocce, Italian bingo, children’s events and our outdoor Mass at 11am on Sunday. New this year in the children’s tent we have MOST’s traveling hands on exhibits from 12-5pm on Sunday and chef demos from 2-5pm on Sunday.”

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