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STATEMENT FROM
MAYOR STEPHANIE A. MINER
ON PASSING OF KAREN DECROW

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner released the following statement today upon being notified of the death of Karen DeCrow, former president of the National Organization for Women:

“I was saddened to hear of the passing of Karen DeCrow earlier today. Her loss will rest heavy on the hearts of many Syracusans. Karen was a treasure to our community and will be dearly missed. She leaves behind an unrivaled legacy of advocacy and leadership which we can all look to as inspiration in our daily lives. Never did Karen think why something couldn’t be done, she stood up and was the change she sought to bring to our community. From leading our local chapter of the National Organization for Women, she rose up to be the national president of the organization. In 1969, she even ran for Mayor of Syracuse—the first woman ever to do so. Now as I sit in that chair, I have an even deeper respect for the grit and determination she applied to her everyday life. Her perseverance, dedication, and strong work ethic made a major difference in our community and across the country and I encourage everyone to look to her as an example of how small steps can lead to big change.”

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