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### **New York City Flag Day Parade June 14**

The 233<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the American Flag by the Continental Congress in 1777 will be observed in New York City with a parade on Monday, June 14—Flag Day. Enthusiastic school children, bands, historic and patriotic groups will participate with American flags of every shape and size at the New York City Flag Day Parade. The Parade will start at 12 Noon at City Hall, Broadway and Park Place, proceed south on Broadway, east on Fulton Street, turn south on Water Street, then north onto Broad Street passing the Flag Day Ceremony Stand in front of Fraunces Tavern Museum at the corner of Broad and Pearl Streets. There will then be ceremonies with of songs, proclamations and recitations honoring “Old Glory.”

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc. has organized the Parade annually since President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as Flag Day. Today it is New York’s opportunity to simply celebrate a symbol that represents all Americans. For the school children, who joyfully participate each year, it is a valuable lesson in citizenship.

Besides participation by children from numerous New York City Public Schools the parade will also feature color guards from the Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, contingents from the New York City Fire and Sanitation Departments and many of the City’s oldest historical societies including the Color Guard from the Sons of the Revolution flying many historic Revolutionary War flags from its collection.

#### ***- About Fraunces Tavern -***

Fraunces Tavern was built in 1719 as an elegant residence and purchased in 1762 by tavern-keeper Samuel Fraunces. The tavern played a significant role in pre-Revolutionary War activities and later housed early U.S. government offices of the Departments of War, Treasury and Foreign Affairs (today’s State Department). It is best known as the site

where General George Washington bade farewell to the officers of the Continental Army on December 4th, 1783.

In 1904, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York purchased the tavern, saving it from the wrecking ball. A restored Fraunces Tavern was opened to the public in 1907 featuring a Museum and Restaurant. In 2008 Fraunces Tavern was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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