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***Mayor Healy to Host Fourth of July Fireworks
and Freedomfest Concert at Liberty State Park
Thousands to Attend Jersey City's Annual Civic Pride Celebration***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the Municipal Council invite Jersey City residents and visitors to attend what is the area's premiere **Fourth of July Fireworks** celebration at **Liberty State Park** as the city celebrates our nation's independence.

“Every year, Jersey City residents have the most spectacular fireworks display on their own shoreline,” Mayor Healy said. “Come out and celebrate America with us at Liberty State Park. Our fireworks is a family event that draws thousands to our waterfront, the most beautiful fireworks backdrop in the world.”

The annual event kicks off at 4 p.m. when the first entertainer, **Will Hawkins**, takes the stage during the **Freedomfest Concert** held in the park's South Field, adjacent to the historic Central Railroad Terminal.

The Jersey City Cultural Affairs Soundstage will exhibit the wonderful diversity of our city by featuring pop music to be performed by home-grown artist **John Christian**, rhythm and blues to be performed by **Frankie Lymon's Teenagers** and smooth Latin sounds, compliments of **Los Seis del Son**.

Another featured act is **Ray Goodman & Brown, aka The Moments**, who are best know for their gold & platinum recoding “Love on a Two-Way Street.” The concert will run from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., and children's activities will take place throughout the afternoon and evening.

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At approximately 9:15 p.m., the Jersey City skyline will be lit up by a fireworks display that will leave spectators dazzled. More than 10,000 shells will be exploded, illuminating the Jersey City skyline and visible from all areas of Liberty State Park. **Garden State Fireworks**, an internationally acclaimed fireworks company is producing the pyrotechnic display.

New this year, the Jersey City fireworks display will be choreographed to a musical soundtrack. This year's fireworks soundtrack includes "Olympic Fanfare;" "America," by Neil Diamond; "Jersey Girl," by Bruce Springsteen; and other classic Americana songs.

The **Freedomfest Concert and Fourth of July Fireworks** is sponsored by the Mayor's Office, the Municipal Council, the Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation UEZ Program.

Additional sponsors include Liberty State Park, Liberty Event Management, Fidelity Investments, and Waypoint Marine Group.

"There is no greater place in the world to celebrate our nation's independence than Jersey City, home of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island," said **Maryanne Kelleher-Arango**, Director of the City's Cultural Affairs Division. "We are a city of immigrants and this year's program reflects that diversity."

"With 30 years of experience, Jersey City and Liberty State Park have designed an event for the entire family and that is not to be missed," she added.

As parking is limited, the public is encouraged to arrive early and use public transportation. The public may take the Hudson Bergen Light Rail to the Liberty State Park terminal, where shuttle buses will transport them into the park. Ample parking is available at the Light Rail stations.

For more information on the **Freedomfest and the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration**, contact the **Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921**.

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