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Mayor Healy to Raise Pakistan Flag In Recognition of 63 Years of Independence

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council, and the Division of Cultural Affairs** will be celebrating the 63rd Pakistan Independence Day by raising the National Flag of Pakistan at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010 at City Hall.

“In raising the flag of Pakistan, we not only celebrate their 63rd Year of Independence, but also recognize the Pakistani community as a vital part of the cultural and economic fabric that makes up our *Tapestry of Nations*,” said **Mayor Healy**.

The Indus Valley civilization, one of the oldest in the world and dating back at least 5,000 years, spreads over much of what is presently Pakistan. It is one of the two original successor states to British India and was partitioned along religious lines in 1947. Pakistan finally achieved its independence on August 14, 1947, with dominion status in the British Commonwealth of Nations. For almost 25 years following independence, it consisted of two separate regions, East and West Pakistan, but now it is made up only of the western sector.

Sponsored by **Pakistanis for America**, an organization formed to share with others their rich history and culture, also promotes the friendship between Pakistan and the United States.

For further information regarding the Flag Raising, please contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at 201-547-6921.

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