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## STATEMENT OF BPCA PRESIDENT & COO SHARI C. HYMAN ON REOPENING OF IRISH HUNGER MEMORIAL

In August 2016 BPCA commenced leak remediation and waterproofing work to repair and maintain the Irish Hunger Memorial. The Memorial has now reopened to the public.

"The Irish Hunger Memorial was first dedicated 15 years ago this month; today it reopens to stand for coming generations as a place of reflection and remembrance. And just as America has long welcomed immigrants from Ireland and beyond, we're pleased to once again welcome Battery Park City visitors to experience this poignant tribute to the unbreakable human spirit."



**About the Memorial:** The Irish Hunger Memorial is a public work of art located at North End Avenue and Vesey Street in Battery Park City. Containing stones from each of Ireland's 32 counties, it was conceived of and designed by artist Brian Tolle and intended to be a contemplative space devoted to raising awareness of the Great Irish Hunger and Migration of 1845-1852. The Memorial was dedicated in July 2002. It is open 8:00am-9:00PM from May-October, and 8:00am-7:00PM November through April.

More information about the Irish Hunger Memorial can be found <u>here</u>. The Memorial's free mobile app can be downloaded <u>here</u>.