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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chief Kevin Ward upon the occasion of his selection as 2015 Irishman of the Year by the NYPD Emerald Society on February 27, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Chief Kevin Ward upon the occasion of his selection as 2015 Irishman of the Year by the New York City Police Department's Emerald Society at its 62nd Annual Dinner Dance to be held on Friday, February 27, 2015, at Leonard's of Great Neck, Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born of proud Irish heritage, Kevin Ward is the Chief of Staff under NYPD Police Commissioner William Bratton; he is a 31 year veteran of the New York City Police with a distinguished record of service in the Patrol, Detective, Internal Affairs, and the Organized Crime Control Bureaus; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Ward earned his Juris Doctor from New York Law School, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man was first appointed to the New York City Police Department in 1984, and began his career as an officer in the

Midtown North Precinct performing patrol and anti-crime duties; and
WHEREAS, Four years later, Officer Kevin Ward was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the 84th Precinct, where he was soon made part of the Detective Squad; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Sergeant Kevin Ward was promoted to Lieutenant and subsequently assigned to the Internal Affairs Bureau as Commanding Officer of the Police Impersonation Squad; he was next promoted to Captain and assigned to the Midtown South Precinct as the Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure commanding Manhattan's 17th and 9th Precincts, Captain Kevin Ward displayed an outstanding record of leadership in fighting crime; during his tenure, the 17th Precinct had a 13 percent reduction in crime and received a Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, As an Inspector, Kevin Ward oversaw the Organized Crime Control Bureau's Investigations Unit with a continued sense of professionalism and duty; he was promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned as the Executive Officer of the Organized Crime Control Bureau in 2009; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2012, Deputy Chief Kevin Ward was promoted to Assistant Chief and designated Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Chief Kevin Ward expertly managed and coordinated the NYPD response to Hurricane Sandy on Staten Island; his leadership was vital in the intense collaborations with federal, state, and city agencies in carrying out rescue operations and relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Chief Kevin Ward was the Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Queens South from August 2013 through December of that year; and

WHEREAS, A member of a family with a long history of public service, Chief Kevin Ward's father, Captain Frank Ward, was a 30-year member of the Department, and his brother, Captain Walter Ward, served the Department for 31 years; in addition, two of his nephews, Seamus Ward and

Michael Brennan, are Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 19 years, Kerri, and their five children, Conor, Ryan Elizabeth, Kelly, Devin, and Keira, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a period of constructive involvement, Chief Kevin Ward has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of his community which Chief Kevin Ward has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated public servants who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Chief Kevin Ward upon the occasion of his selection as 2015 Irishman of the Year by the New York City Police Department's Emerald Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Kevin Ward.