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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment who work diligently to preserve and celebrate their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment Timothy Cardinal Dolan will have the honor of leading the 254th consecutive New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Avenue on Tuesday, March 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Marshal and Aides Reception will be held to pay tribute to Grand Marshal Timothy Cardinal Dolan and all of his Aides on Sunday, February 22, 2015; his Aides are: Patrick M. Brady, New York County; Martin Galvin, Bronx County; John J. Manning, Queens County; John J. O'Farrell, Kings County; John J. MacDonald, Richmond County; Joe G. McDonald, Nassau County; J. William Fahey, Suffolk County; Dan E. Dennehy, Westchester County; Brendan J. McNamara, Rockland County; Kevin P. Moore, Orange County; Catherine T. Hogan, United Irish Counties; Thomas J. Doyle, Grand Council Emeralds; Desmond E. Crofton, Knights of St. Patrick; and Orla Kelleher, Aide at Large; and

WHEREAS, New York City St. Patrick's Parade marched for the first time in 1762, 14 years before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; the Parade is regarded as the most popular of all the Parades in New York City, and honors Saint

Patrick - the patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York and Ireland;
and

WHEREAS, The New York Parade consists only of marchers and each year hosts some 250,000 marchers and two million spectators; the Parade has many outstanding marching bands, bagpipers in marching formations, high school and college bands from throughout the United States and from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Cardinal Dolan was born on February 6, 1950, to Shirley Radcliffe Dolan and the late Robert Dolan; he is the oldest of five children and is very proud of his Irish heritage; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Timothy Cardinal Dolan began his high school seminary education at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South in Shrewsbury, Missouri; he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy at Cardinal Glennon College; he then went on to earn a License in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas; and

WHEREAS, On June 19, 1976, Timothy Cardinal Dolan was ordained to the priesthood; he served as Associate Pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, While studying for his Doctorate degree in American Church History at the Catholic University of America, Father Timothy Cardinal Dolan spent a year researching the late founder of the Catholic Biblical Association, Archbishop Edwin O'Hara; and

WHEREAS, Father Timothy Cardinal Dolan returned to St. Louis and served in parish ministry from 1983-1987; during this time, he was the liaison for the late Archbishop John L. May in the restructuring of the college and theology programs of the archdiocesan seminary system; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Father Timothy Cardinal Dolan was appointed to a five-year term as Secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington,

D.C.; five years later, he returned to St. Louis and was appointed Vice Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary; in this capacity, he held the position of both Director of Spiritual Formation and Professor of Church

History, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Theology at Saint Louis University; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Father Timothy Cardinal Dolan was chosen Rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome; during his tenure in Rome, he served as a visiting Professor of Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University and as a Faculty Member in the Department of Ecumenical Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas; and

WHEREAS, After 25 faithful years of priesthood, Father Timothy Cardinal Dolan was named the Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis by Pope John Paul II; on June 25, 2002, he was appointed the 10th Archbishop of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan was named Archbishop of New York by Pope Benedict XVI on February 23, 2009; he was installed to the prominent office on April 15, 2009; two months later he received the Pallium from His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, at St. Peter's Basilica; and

WHEREAS, Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan was a member of Catholic Relief Services from 2009-2010; today, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America as well as both a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and Social Communications; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2010, Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan was elected President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; in January 2012, he was appointed to the College of Cardinals and in February 2012, he was elevated in the Consistory; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal for the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan embodies the

spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

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the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the New York City 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan.