

## 2015-K1000

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Christopher J. McGrath upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, 2016

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christopher J. McGrath upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade is considered one of the largest in New York State; thousands of local families enjoyed last year's parade which included over 2,000 marchers from Canada, Pennsylvania, and throughout New York, as well as local favorites; and

WHEREAS, For the eighth consecutive year, the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade will host a Food Drive during this auspicious event; all monetary and food donations will be given to the Mother Marianne West Side Kitchen located at St. Joseph-St. Patrick Church in West Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Utica, New York, resident Christopher J. McGrath holds the position of President of Nunn & McGrath Funeral Directors; under his luminous leadership, the business is dedicated to earning the trust of the families it serves by exceeding their expectations with excellent service and fair prices while providing comfort and compassion during a difficult time; and

WHEREAS, Nunn & McGrath Funeral Directors is comprised of several funeral service families brought together to serve the area; from the

beginning of Quinn Funeral Home in 1901, to the gathering of Ortner Funeral Home, Doyle Funeral Home and the formation of Nunn & McGrath Funeral Directors, it has been a part of Utica and the surrounding communities for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; and

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Utica, New York, the Mohawk Valley, and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher J. McGrath upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal Christopher J. McGrath.