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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dermot Moore upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time for people of all nationalities and generations to assemble and celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Irish people throughout these United States; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and highlights the many contributions and historical accomplishments of the Irish community in this diverse land; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dermot Moore upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be celebrated on Sunday, March 20, 2016, in the Hamlet of of Pearl River, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dermot Moore was one of eight children born to the former Mary Holt and the late Thomas Aquinas Moore; raised in the Bronx, he attended Holy Family Elementary School, and the Bronx High School of Science; after graduating, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Iona College; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1981, Dermot Moore joined the New York Police Department (NYPD); he rose through the ranks, attaining the title of Sergeant, Supervisor Detective Squad, a position from which he officially retired in December of 2002; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Pearl River, Dermot Moore currently holds the title of Vice President in corporate security; and

WHEREAS, Dermot Moore has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, For 10 years, Dermot Moore has served as President of John Cardinal D'Alton Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Division 3; under his luminous leadership, the unit has grown to be the largest Division in the United States and has made tremendous progress towards fulfilling its purpose of promoting and perpetuating Irish culture between themselves, their children, and their community; working for the freedom of Ireland, and upholding the constitution of the United States, as well as working for the glory of God; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, the Division instituted an Irish-American heritage examination as part of its scholarship program and has increased its scholarship awards to \$10,000 yearly; in addition, The Hibernian House provides a home for students of piping and Irish dancing, and the Division hosts numerous Irish cultural activities that are open to all free of charge, including a highly popular film series on the lives of the signatories of the 1916 proclamation; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Division strive to live up to the Hibernian motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"; under Dermot Moore's presidency the Division remains an active advocate and sponsor for the elderly, veterans, the young and the physically and mentally challenged citizens of its community; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, The Division and Hibernian House are major contributors to the Venture Foundation, the GAA, and numerous local charities as well as national AOH charities; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the well-being of his community, Dermot Moore led relief efforts after Superstorm Sandy, repairing homes in Breezy Point and organizing deliveries of food, tools, and clothing to multiple affected areas; and

WHEREAS, Intensely proud of his Hibernianism as well as his Division and its efforts to live up to its purpose and motto, Dermot Moore was recently elected as New York State AOH District 8 AOH Director; and

WHEREAS, Dermot Moore's Irish-American roots run deep; his mother is a

Gaelic scholar, past Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick's Day, and direct descendant of the leader of the Wicklow rebels in 1798, General Joseph Holt; she named Dermot in honor of 1916 leader Sean MacDiamada and her uncle Sam O'Reilly who fought in the GPO; and

WHEREAS, Dermot Moore's father was born in County Kerry and was a member of the New York City Fire Department Emerald Society and was a President of AOH Division 3 in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, Dermot Moore has enjoyed playing the bagpipes with the Kerry Pipers; he is also a member of the NYPD Emerald Society and the Bronx Gaelic League; and

WHEREAS, For his incredible service to the Irish-American community, Dermot Moore was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades by numerous organizations including 2010 Hibernian of the Year by the Rockland County AOH, and 2014 Rockland Irish Northern Aid Man of the Year, as well as a 2015 Community Service Award by the Rockland County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man also gives freely of his time and talents at many events for the GAA, Irish Northern Aid, St. Margaret's Church, LAOH and numerous other organizations and causes; and

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

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joan, and their four children, Thomas Ashe (Colleen), Terence MacSweeney, Conor Naughton and Margaret O'Rourke, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Dermot Moore truly embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and nation; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dermot Moore upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Rockland County St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dermot Moore.

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