

## 2015-J4290

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Maura Coughlin upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge 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 the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Maura Coughlin upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Brooklyn, Maura Coughlin is a current resident of Bay Ridge; her mother, Mary Lennon is from Kiskeam, County Cork, and her father, James Lennon is from Newmarket, County Cork; and

WHEREAS, Maura Coughlin fondly remembers being crowned the Coney Island Colleen Queen many years ago, and subsequently, shared a pony and trap with Mayor Ed Koch; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Fontbonne Hall Academy, Maura Coughlin attended Saint Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, New York City; today, she serves as a nurse in the Pediatric Emergency Department at Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband of 24 years, Chris, and her two beautiful children, Hannah and Christopher, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Maura Coughlin embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Maura Coughlin upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deputy Marshal Maura Coughlin.