

## 2015-J4295

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Rhea McCone 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 Rhea McCone 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, Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, Rhea McCone graduated from Niagara University in 1984, and attended Adelphi University's Paralegal Certification Program; after receiving her certificate, she worked at a law firm in Syracuse as a Paralegal and Title Officer; and

WHEREAS, After marrying her husband, the couple relocated to Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, in 1987; she continued to work in the Title Insurance Industry as an Agency Representative for Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Rhea McCone joined Stewart Title Insurance Company, holding the position of New York State Agency Manager; six years later, she formed her own company, Harbour Abstract Agency, Ltd.; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Rhea McCone is a vital participant of Community Board 10, an Officer of the Third Avenue Merchants and a licensed member of the New York State Land Title Association and the Morning Money Makers, a business networking group; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which she lives and works, Rhea McCone served as President of St. Anselm's Home School Association and volunteered with both the Youth Activities Program and with the Genesis Program at Xaverian; in addition, she assisted with many Fontbonne Hall Academy activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, For her steadfast and unremitting commitment to everything she does, Rhea McCone was recognized as a Pioneer of the Third Avenue Merchants, and was honored by The Guild for Exceptional Children, Brooklyn Democrats for Change, and The Advocates for the Blind and Multi-Handicapped as well as Fontbonne Hall Academy; and

WHEREAS, Proud of her Irish heritage, Rhea McCone has traveled to Ireland many times over the last 30 years; she was privileged to attend several weddings in Belfast, Cork, Kerry, Tipperary, Mayo and Donegal and was happy to visit her grandfather's birthplace, County Clare; and

WHEREAS, Rhea McCone is a member of the County Carlow Association and an enthusiastic supporter of the Brooklyn Shamrocks Football Club and Emerald Isle Immigration Center; this remarkable woman also supports the Irish Guide Dog Association and the Emerald Association of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout has been her loving husband of 29 years, Cody, and her two daughters, Ciara and Kaeleigh, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; 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, Rhea McCone embodies the spirit and the cher-

ished 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 Rhea McCone 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 Rhea McCone.