

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Marianna Murray O'Connor upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 24, 2013

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 Marianna Murray O'Connor upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Marianna Murray O'Connor was born and raised in Bay Ridge; her parents were Peter and Theresa Kane Murray; and

WHEREAS, Her father was born and raised in Tuam, County Galway and her maternal grandparents were born in the County Armagh; proud of her Irish heritage, Marianna Murray O'Connor has visited the "Murray Farm" in Ireland many times throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, Marianna has fond childhood memories of the Kane family gatherings in Bay Ridge, which always included playing old 78 Irish records on the victrola and waltzing around the parlor; and

WHEREAS, Her parents were beautiful Irish waltzers who met at a dance at the Leitrin House on 59th Street in Manhattan in the early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Marianna Murray O'Connor attended Saint Ephrem's Grammar School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School; after graduating from the Wood Secretarial School, she worked as a legal secretary in Manhattan for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Marianna Murray O'Connor received her Bachelors degree from Saint Joseph's College; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1988, Marianna Murray O'Connor entered the NYPD Police Academy and worked on patrol in Brooklyn in the 61 and 67 Precincts as well as the Brooklyn South Task Force until her promotion to Sergeant in December of 1996; and

WHEREAS, After a year as patrol supervisor in the 76 Precinct, Marianna Murray O'Connor was transferred to the Employee Management Division of the Personnel Bureau to help start up a new unit where police officers work off-duty in uniform for private companies; she remained in the Paid Detail Unit until her retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Marianna Murray O'Connor has always been a proud and active member of both the Irish and Bay Ridge communities; now a Lifetime member of BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance Service, she volunteered for 20 years, from 1982 to 2002, as a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician, Dispatcher, Board of Director, and served on various other committees within the organization; and

WHEREAS, Marianna Murray O'Connor joined the NYPD Emerald Society in 1988, and served as a Delegate, Board Trustee, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President Manhattan South and Financial Secretary until her retirement in 2009; and

WHEREAS, From 2004-2006, Marianna Murray O'Connor was the President of Saint Ephrem's Rosary Society, and still remains active today; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, Marianna Murray O'Connor has been a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 22 in Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, She met the love of her life, Matty O'Connor, now a retired NYPD sergeant, when they worked together in the Brooklyn South Task Force; the couple has been happily married for five years; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Marianna Murray O'Connor 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Marianna Murray O'Connor upon the occasion of her designation as Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Marianna Murray O'Connor.