

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eileen Long Chelales 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 Eileen Long Chelales 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, Eileen Long Chelales is currently the Development Director for Bishop Ford High School; she has served in numerous state and federal positions; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her present position, Eileen Long Chelales served as a Commissioner for the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board for four years; in 2004, she was appointed by President Bush to serve as the Regional Administrator for the General Services Administration where she was responsible for overseeing a large construction budget, 484 leases and 84 federal buildings in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, Prior to working in the Bush administration, Eileen Long Chelales worked for Governor George Pataki since his election in 1994; she held numerous positions in the Pataki Administration including Deputy Press Secretary, Chief Of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor, and later as Deputy Secretary to the Governor where she was responsible for the oversight of policy formation of 10 state agencies; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Eileen Long Chelales oversaw the executive budget of the Governor's staff budget and the distribution of a significant amount in funds to organizations throughout the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, Joe, and their two children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Eileen Long Chelales 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 Eileen Long Chelales 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 Eileen Long Chelales.