

Senate Resolution No. 1308

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING Jeremy R. Del Rio, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on May 21, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment who work diligently to preserve and celebrate their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jeremy R. Del Rio, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, May 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Jeremy R. Del Rio, a fourth generation Norwegian, will have the honor of leading the 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade down 5th Avenue in Bay Ridge, New York; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy R. Del Rio earned both his bachelor's degree with honors and his Juris Doctor degree from New York University; he furthered his education by obtaining certificates in non-profit management and leadership from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business and the DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Jeremy R. Del Rio is the co-founder and leader of Thrive Collective, a non-profit organization which creates hope and opportunity through arts and mentoring in public schools; he also teaches youth and community development at Alliance and Fuller seminaries, and connects, trains, and mentors youth workers nationally; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his leadership role at Thrive Collective, Jeremy R. Del Rio has consulted with many businesses and non-profit organizations on various leadership and strategy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, From 1996-2006, Jeremy R. Del Rio held the position of founder and Director of Generation Xcel, a holistic youth center in Manhattan; he then served as the founding Youth Pastor at Abounding Grace Ministries from 1994-2004; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy R. Del Rio also worked as a corporate attorney at Dewey Ballantine in New York City before resigning after 9/11 to lead relief work at Ground Zero; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy R. Del Rio has shared his vast knowledge and wisdom by contributing to six books including **Deep Justice in a Broken World** and **The Justice Project**, and his articles have appeared in dozens of publications; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Diana, and their two sons, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, Jeremy R. Del Rio truly embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Norwegian-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 commend Jeremy R. Del Rio, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on May 21, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jeremy R. Del Rio, Esq.