

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Judy Weeks upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the 2018 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade

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 Judy Weeks upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the 2018 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Judy Weeks will have the honor of leading the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade up Genesee Street on Saturday, March 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade is considered one of the largest in New York State; thousands of local families enjoyed last year's parade which included over 2,000 marchers from Canada, Pennsylvania, and throughout New York, as well as local favorites; and

WHEREAS, Judy Weeks has worked tirelessly to not only promote Irish culture but to establish strong ties between America and the island of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in a traditional Irish family, Judy Weeks has been an active member of her community all of her life; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Judy Weeks began volunteering her time and energy to the Irish Festival, holding the position of Director for five years; she also coordinated the Saint Patrick's Day Parade for the past eight years; the Irish community of Utica is most grateful for her steadfast dedication and hard work in making both of these special events a resounding success; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal for the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade, Judy Weeks embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; she is a steadfast champion of all things Irish and Irish American; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; 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 Judy Weeks upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the 2018 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Judy Weeks.