

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom MacLellan upon the occasion of his 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 Tom MacLellan upon the occasion of his 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, Tom MacLellan has been a resident of Brooklyn for 53 years; he was baptized in Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and made his first holy communion and confirmation at Our Lady of the Assumption; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1983, Tom MacLellan married his wife, Kathleen, at St. Ephrem's Roman Catholic Church in Dyker Heights; they are the proud parents of three beautiful daughters, Kelly, Caitlin and Meghan; and

WHEREAS, The youngest child of the late Bill and Marilyn O'Hara MacLellan, Tom traces his Irish roots through his mother and maternal grandfather, Thomas Patrick O'Hara; and

WHEREAS, Tom MacLellan is a Veteran of the United States Navy, having served on board the Aircraft Carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67); he credits his experience in the Navy as the most important life lesson he ever learned; and

WHEREAS, Tom MacLellan is a retired employee of Verizon, formerly New York Telephone, NYNEX and Bell Atlantic, where he began his career in August of 1979; beginning in customer service and central office operations, he was promoted into the Business Marketing Organization where he served as a Product Developer/Product Manager for data services which services the top 100 accounts on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS, While in NYNEX's Marketing Organization, Tom MacLellan became a business consultant to Junior Achievement of New York (JANY), a non-profit organization that brings the business world and the education world together; and

WHEREAS, Tom MacLellan taught Personal Economics to 7th and 8th graders for three years at McKinley Junior High School in Dyker Heights; and

WHEREAS, He was awarded the New York Junior Achievements President Award on three separate occasions for raising a significant amount for Junior Achievement; in 2009, he retired from Verizon; and

WHEREAS, Tom MacLellan is a former officer and current Board Member and a Sir Knight of Thomas Dongan Knight of Columbus Council No. 1251 in Bay Ridge; he has organized and chaired many activities including the Annual Children's Christmas Party, the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance, and has participated as a committee member in the Blood Drive, the Boat Ride for Exceptional Children, and the Annual John J. Maloney Golf Outing; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Tom MacLellan has held numerous positions in his parish of St. Ephrem's in Dyker Heights; he has volunteered many hours in support of its youth in positions such as Assistant Basketball Coach, softball coach and manager of the girls high school softball team; and

WHEREAS, Tom MacLellan also served as a Director of St. Ephrem's Teen Center Executive Committee, and is a former President of the Evening Student Council at Saint Francis College; he is an active member and

also served as president and board member of the Rockaway Point Association (RPA) in Breezy Point, and an active member of the Rockaway Point/Breezy Point Catholic Club; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Tom MacLellan serves as the Treasurer for Division 12 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Brooklyn, a position he has held for four years; he believes volunteerism is the best way to share one's talents in support of others; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Tom MacLellan 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 Tom MacLellan upon the occasion of his 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 Tom MacLellan.