

Senate Resolution No. 2036

BY: Senator MARTUCCI

HONORING Thomas Mulcahey upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 46th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 2022

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas Mulcahey upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 46th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahy was born and raised in Meelin, a little village beside Rockchapel County Cork; he went to Knockanbaan National school leaving school at the age of 14 to go to work; and

WHEREAS, He worked at a garage and began to learn the trade that would become his life's work; he also traveled for one season to Felstead, England to work at the sugar beet factory, as did so many of his generation; and

WHEREAS, When he was 19 years-old, Thomas Mulcahey emigrated to the United States coming to Greenwood Lake to join his three brothers, John, Pat and Denis; his first job in the United states was working at George's Sunoco gas station in Greenwood Lake; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Thomas Mulcahey joined the New York Army National Guard, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant, and later began working for the National Guard full time as a mechanic at Kingsbridge Armory; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, he joined the New York Fire Department as a mechanic in Emergency Services; after working for eight years serving in all five boroughs, he was stationed at "The Rock" on Randalls Island responsible for the Preventative Maintenance for all the fire department vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahey was and continues to be a member of the FDNY Emerald Society; he has been part of Project Children since its inception in 1975, working closely with his brothers, Denis and Pat; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahey was known for his work as head chaperone on the flights bringing out the children; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Thomas Mulcahey was the emcee at numerous

fundraisers for Project Children including many years at Yonkers Raceway; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Thomas Mulcahey was awarded the Project Children Emerald Award in Atlantic City; he has also been a member of the Greenwood Lake Gaelic Cultural Society since its beginning and was honored as Celt of the Year in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahey has served as an officer in many positions including: Trustee, Sergeant at Arms, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President from 2000-2002; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahey was instrumental in chairing multiple St. Patrick's Day Dances, and Irish Nights at the Beach; he has been a member of American Legion Arthur Finnegan Post 1443 for 48 years and has served in many leadership positions, the most recent being the Commander from 2019-2021; and

WHEREAS, He is a member of Holy Rosary parish in Greenwood Lake where he serves as an usher; he loves his Irish music and has played in some bands, the most notable being with The Mighty Quinn; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, he has played music and has been a deejay for many evenings at the Gaelic Cultural Society, at the Legion for the veterans, as well as for many picnics and other fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Mulcahey is very community minded and always willing to lend a hand whenever and wherever it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Thomas married the former Nora Collins, a native of Queens, and together they raised four children, Anne Marie, Kathleen, Geraldine and Tommy, in Valley Cottage, New York; today, they are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren, Liam, Maya, Ellie, Thomas (TJ), Claire, Danny and Aiden; and

WHEREAS, After he retired from the FDNY, the Thomas and Nora Mulcahey moved back to Greenwood Lake; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; and

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of Orange County, the Mid-Hudson area and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas Mulcahey upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 46th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Grand Marshal Thomas Mulcahey.