

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**HONORING** Katie Stone upon the occasion of being named Grand Marshal of the 22nd Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York

**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 honor the Grand Marshal, King, and Queen of the 22nd Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York on Saturday, March 22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** The tradition of the Irish Parade of Camden is steeped in years of history and brings members of the community and those from further reaches together in celebration of Irish culture and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** The Grand Marshal of this year's Irish Parade is Katie Stone, a lifelong resident of Camden who exhibits great St. Patrick's Day pride, as well as pride for her beloved community; and

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of Camden and Herkimer Community Colleges, Katie Stone holds stake in the Camden community as the owner of Furbush Agency of Eastern Shore Insurance since 2008; she is also the former president of the Camden Chamber of Commerce, a role of lasting impact and reverence; and

**WHEREAS,** In her leisure, Katie Stone enjoys playing golf and snowmobiling, as well as spending time with her loving family; and

**WHEREAS,** With Katie Stone throughout her purposeful life of notable achievement have been her two beloved children, Jared and Mara, and her cherished husband, Dave; and

**WHEREAS,** The esteemed 2025 Parade King and Queen are Greg and Rachael Short, residents of Camden whose devotion to community and spirit of humanity shine bright in all their worthy endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** This year, the parade will also feature the Camden Continental Fife and Drum Band, as well as the Syracuse Scottish Pipe Band; these talented acts serve to inspire festive cheer while honoring the important Irish roots and influences which have shaped music for centuries; 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 the Camden area and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; 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 the Grand Marshal, King, and Queen of the 22nd Annual Irish Parade of Camden, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal Katie Stone and King and Queen, Greg and Rachael Short.