Assembly Resolution No. 1032

**BY:** M. of A. Buttenschon

**COMMENDING** Bob Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2026 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 Bob Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2026 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2026, in Utica, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** The Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade started as a small group of Irishmen marching through the historic Brewery and Arts District and is now the third largest parade in New York State; and

**WHEREAS,** The tradition of the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade is steeped in more than 200 years of history with Grand Marshal John C. Devereux leading the first march through the historic Brewery and Arts District of Utica; today, the Utica Parade draws approximately 30,000 spectators as more than 5,000 marchers from across the State step off from Oneida Square and head north to Genesee Street; and

**WHEREAS,** The Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee designated Bob Sullivan as one of the highly esteemed Grand Marshals in recognition of his devotion and passion for the preservation and celebration of the Irish culture in his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob Sullivan, owner of Sullivan Contracting of Sauquoit, New York, has been a proud and enthusiastic participant in the parade for years; his energy, spirit, and love for the event make him a natural choice to lead the 2026 celebration; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob Sullivan has played a key role in advancing the Irish community, including providing leadership and construction expertise that helped secure a $125,000 grant for projects at the Irish Cultural Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob Sullivan's company employs approximately 40 dedicated people who he treats like family; and

**WHEREAS,** Alongside his wife Lisa, Bob Sullivan is deeply engaged in the community, supporting food pantries, youth sports, first responders, health research, children's charities, and annual Thanksgiving food deliveries with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, as well as ongoing involvement in other community events and fundraisers; and

**WHEREAS,** It is only fitting that Utica residents honor the

remarkable contributions of Bob Sullivan by naming him Grand Marshal of this year's parade; his involvement in the community and unwavering support for Irish traditions make him the ideal choice; he will lead the

2026 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade, a daylong event of celebration and pride for all members of the Mohawk Valley community; 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 Bob Sullivan upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2026 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob Sullivan.