

## 2013-J685

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians' St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held March 17, 2013

WHEREAS, Saint 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 Saint 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 commemorate the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians' St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held March 17, 2013, in Pearl River, New York; and

WHEREAS, This parade would not be possible without the support and dedication of the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, who will celebrate their patron, St. Patrick, on this most festive day; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is not, as many believe, a celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland's birth, but of his death; and

WHEREAS, It was Pope Celestine I who named him Patricus, and sent him to Ireland where he tangled with the Druids over religious beliefs, and where his efforts to convert the Irish to the Catholic faith were untiring, as seen today in the significant observance of God in Irish life; and

WHEREAS, In every walk of life, in the arts, in the sciences, in the political world, in every manifestation of the human spirit, the Irish people have excelled; and

WHEREAS, No nation on earth has sent to the shores of America a people more spiritual than the Irish; throughout the ages, they have left their cares forgotten among the lilies; from the mode and texture of that endowment, the cathedrals and colleges of our nation were built, a heritage largely formed, our American character greatly forged; and

WHEREAS, Each year as we honor St. Patrick, whose life mirrored a deep and abiding example of the challenges of sainthood, we are mindful of

the history of the Irish people and their struggle against oppression, religious intolerance and political, social and economic barriers; and WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish Culture and its fine traditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians' St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held March 17, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Rockland County Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.