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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Mary "Christine" Doherty upon the occasion of her 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 Mary "Christine" Doherty upon the occasion of her 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, Mary "Christine" Doherty was born and raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and still resides there today; she began her education at St. Patrick's School and continued her education at Bishop Kearney High School until her graduation in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Christine Doherty attended St. John's University and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Transportation and Logistics in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Christine Doherty's parents, Marie and Sean Doherty, both immigrated to New York from Dublin, Ireland in 1963; once in Bay Ridge, they met up with Sean's sister and brother who had emigrated before him; they settled into Bay Ridge and began a family; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Sean and Marie Doherty had decided they wanted to return to Ireland, so they packed up the family and returned to Dublin; after a year away, they realized that Bay Ridge had become their true home, so they returned to the same home they left; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Christine Doherty joined the New York City Police Department; she started her career in the 60th Precinct in Coney Island, and quickly moved up the ranks; and

WHEREAS, With just five years on, Christine Doherty was promoted to

Sergeant and sent to work in the theater district in New York City; she was then asked to join the Press Office for the NYPD where she spent several years acting as a liaison with the NYPD and the Media; and WHEREAS, Upon her promotion to Lieutenant in 2006, she was assigned to the 10th Precinct in Chelsea; later that same year, she was transferred to the Special Operations Division at Floyd Bennett Field; and WHEREAS, In this capacity, Christine Doherty coordinated all the specialty units of the NYPD, including the Emergency Services Unit, the Aviation Unit, the Mounted Unit, and the Harbor Unit, as well as the Disorder Control Unit; and WHEREAS, Christine Doherty's proudest moment was when she was promoted to Captain in April 2011; upon her promotion, she became the Executive Officer of the 72nd Precinct, in Sunset Park; and WHEREAS, After just six months at the 72nd Precinct, Christine Doherty was asked to join the NYPD's elite Counterterrorism Bureau where she and her colleagues strive on a daily basis to keep the citizens of New York City safe; and WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her Mom who is extremely proud and supportive of her career; her long-time friend, Jim Coleman, whom she married in 2006; her sister, Pamela and brother-in-law, Scott; and her brother, Sean, and sister-in-law, Samantha; as well as 13 nieces and nephews, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her achievements; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Marshal of the 20th Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Christine Doherty 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 Mary "Christine" Doherty upon the occasion of her 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 Mary "Christine" Doherty.