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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Eileen McDonald upon the occasion of her designation as a Deputy Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 3, 2012

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 these United States; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland, and highlights the many contributions and historical accomplishments of the Irish community in this diverse land; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Eileen McDonald upon the occasion of being named a Deputy Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Also being honored as Deputy Grand Marshals at this year's Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade are Maureen Donachie, Mary Ellen Murray, Maurice Landers, Ralph Reed, Richard Keane, Mark C. Edwards, Laura Sporny, Sister Agnes White, C.S.J. and Michael Charles Schramm, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade will honor Kevin O'Brien as Grand Marshal of the parade, Thomas Flood and Eileen Long-Chelales as Honorary Grand Marshals and Edward Rice and Paddy McCarthy as Gaels of the Year; and

WHEREAS, All of this year's honorees are fittingly being recognized for their service in their individual fields to the Irish and Irish-Americans throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Eileen McDonald's Irish roots hail from Counties Managhan and West Meath; a Rockaway native of 34 years, she has played a significant role in the health care imaging services on the Rockaway Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Eileen McDonald is currently the Coordinator and lead Women's Health Technologist at St. John's Episcopal Hospital's Imaging Department; her primary responsibilities for reaching the new goals envisioned by St. John's Episcopal Health Services include outreach to the Rockaway

community on issues concerning women's health and wellness, especially those related to medical imaging examinations; and

WHEREAS, She is focused on St. John's Episcopal Hospital's commitment of moving forward in providing optimum healthcare to all residents of the peninsula; as the lead Woman's Radiologic Technologist, she manages the newly renovated bone density department for osteoporosis screening and is also a Certified Mammography Technologist and is certainly playing a noteworthy role as the hospital redefines medical imaging for the Rockaway community; and

WHEREAS, Eileen McDonald and her husband Tom are very active in the Wounded Warrior Project and have shared their home with wounded soldiers and Marines in July when the Rockaway Peninsula welcomes the Wounded Warriors to the community; and

WHEREAS, Eileen McDonald has also been an active member of the St. Thomas More CYO coordinating fundraising events including the Annual Awards Presentation Day; she has distributed meals for the Meals on Wheels program and volunteered throughout New York City during the 2011 World Police/Fire Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, During the winter, she serves as a Ski Instructor for the children of fallen NYPD officers and deceased FDNY members and, her outside health care interests include the yearly Making Strides and Race for the Cure Breast Cancer Awareness events; and

WHEREAS, Previously as a businessperson, Eileen McDonald's involvement with the Irish Circle Pub afforded her the benefit of working with many aspects of Irish culture in Rockaway and she may be justly proud that the wonderful seisons, entertainment and musicians the venue provided helped keep Irish music alive in the Rockaways; and

WHEREAS, With Eileen McDonald throughout have been her husband Tom, a Retired FDNY firefighter, and their children Lieutenant Thomas McDonald, USN Aviator and Colleen McDonald Reilly, a Kindergarten Teacher, all of whom are proud to be part of her life and rejoice in her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Eileen McDonald truly embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and nation; 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 Eileen McDonald upon the occasion of her designation as a Deputy Grand Marshal of the 37th Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 3, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eileen McDonald.