

## 2015-J784

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steve McMurray upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14, 2015

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Steve McMurray upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Utica St. Patrick's Day parade is considered one of the largest in New York State; thousands of local families enjoyed last year's parade which included over 2,000 marchers from Canada, Pennsylvania, and throughout New York, as well as local favorites; and

WHEREAS, Steve McMurray, a native of Frankfort, New York, graduated from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, For 10 years, Steve McMurray was employed as News Director at NewsChannel 2 in Utica; in March 2014, he was promoted to the leadership position of Vice President/General Manager; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated supporter of the Great American Irish Festival, Steve McMurray, for the first time ever, broadcasted the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade live on NewsChannel 2; and

WHEREAS, A vital member of his community, Steve McMurray has been a member of the Frankfort Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years, serving as Assistant Chief for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Steve McMurray is also a past President of the Frankfort Kiwanis Club, a former participant of the Herkimer County Hunger Coalition, and past Board member of the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Carrie, and his two children, Jack and Audrey, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; 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 Utica, New York, the Mohawk Valley, and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Steve McMurray upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal Steve McMurray.