

## 2015-J941

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring E. Colleen Golden upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2015

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 E. Colleen Golden upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Golden was born and raised in the Windsor Terrace community of Brooklyn, to James and Margaret (Connell) Slattery; she attended both Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School and John Jay High School in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from high school, Colleen Golden was employed by a private law firm; after three years, she moved on to work in the legal department of AT&T, where she worked until 1986; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Colleen Golden married her husband, Martin, and they lived in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, before moving to Staten Island; and

WHEREAS, After the birth of their first son, the couple moved back to Bay Ridge; upon their return, Colleen Golden became involved in her community, becoming a member of the Ragamuffin Committee in 1991, where she was an active participant before being nominated for the role of President in 2000; and

WHEREAS, From 2000-2004, Colleen Golden held the position of President of the Ragamuffin, Inc., an organization which provides over 1,000 children the opportunity to march up Bay Ridge's Third Avenue in the one and only Children's Parade in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in this position, Colleen Golden was instrumental in gaining Parade sponsorship, which enabled the Ragamuffin Parade Committee to expand the number of marching bands, the number of Grand Prizes to be presented for Best Costume, and ensuring all children participating in the Parade received a quality gift; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Golden continued to serve as an active member of Ragamuffin, Inc. before being re-elected President in 2008, a position she continues to hold; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Golden has been a recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her community service, including both the Woman of the Year for Advocates for Services for the Blind Multi-handicapped, and Helen Keller for the Blind, and the Third Avenue Merchants Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Colleen Golden is a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and a faithful parishioner of St. Anslem Roman Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Colleen Golden volunteered at the Bay Ridge Manor, and was a Paraprofessional for students with learning disabilities at The Child School on Roosevelt Island; and

WHEREAS, For seven years, Colleen Golden was an assistant office worker for the Leif Ericson Day School in Dyker Heights; currently, she is an aide at the Academy of Talented Scholars, PS 682, in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, with her throughout have been their two sons, Michael and Patrick James (PJ), 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 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Colleen Golden embodies the spirit and

the cherished ideals and values of Irish-Americans of this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor E. Colleen Golden upon the occasion of her selection as Deputy Marshal of the 22nd Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to E. Colleen Golden.