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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 2016, and honoring Sister Ann Daly upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade

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 commemorate the 40th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 13, 2016, and to honor Sister Ann Daly upon the occasion of her designation as Grand Marshal of the Parade, to be held in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, organizer of this fine event, is comprised of representatives of several Orange County organizations; the parade is the largest cultural event in Orange County, and is also the biggest single-day celebration in Goshen; and

WHEREAS, The Mass in honor of St. Patrick, as well as the Grand Marshal's Breakfast on the morning of the parade, have also been planned by the Parade Committee members, who work diligently all year to make these events successful and memorable; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Marshal for the 2016 Parade from LAOH Division 5, Sister Ann Daly has lived and worked in the Goshen, New York, area for 52 years; she was born in Astoria, Queens, and her mother was from Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, and her father came from Iniskeen, County Monaghan; and

WHEREAS, Sister Ann Daly attended St. Michael's Academy in New York City, where she met the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (PBVM); she entered the convent over five decades ago and started teaching in 1961; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Sister Ann Daly moved to Goshen, New York, and taught third grade at St. John's School until 1971; at that point, she became Director of Religious Education, a position she held through 1981; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Sister Ann Daly became the Executive Director of the Hospice Planning and Educational Foundation, Inc.; in 1988, the organization became incorporated under the New York State Health Department and she held the title of Coordinator of Spiritual Care; and

WHEREAS, The mission of Hospice is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual care to patients from life-limiting diseases, as well as provide bereavement support programs to their families; this vital program serves more than 1,000 patients throughout the entire region each year; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Sister Ann Daly has ministered to many patients and their families in their home, nursing home, hospital and Kaplan Residence; twice a year in Orange and Sullivan Counties, memorial services are held and sponsored by the Hospice Interfaith Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sister Ann Daly has always tried to remind family members, as well as staff and friends, that the greatest gift we can give to any person is the gift of our presence; hospice staff and volunteers are privileged to share in the final journey with patients and families they care for and support at this most precious time in life; and

WHEREAS, Proud of her Irish descent, Sister Ann Daly has attended all of the festivals throughout the years, and was voted the 1998 Irish

Woman of the Year by the Irish Heritage Festival Committee; since 2009, she has been the Chaplain of LAOH Division 5; 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 Orange County, the Mid-Hudson area 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 commemorate the 40th Annual Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Day Parade, to be held on March 13, 2016, and to honor Sister Ann Daly upon the occasion of her designation as the 2016 Grand Marshal; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, and Grand Marshal Sister Ann Daly.