

## 2015-J4246

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James B. McHugh upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016

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 James B. McHugh upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's parade is Bay Ridge Remembers Easter 1916; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, James B. McHugh was one of seven children born to Barbara and Joseph McHugh; the family grew up under the same roof as their paternal grandparents who came from County Leitrim; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, James B. McHugh obtained his Catholic Education from St. Anselm Parish, and attended St. Anselm School, and Xavier High School in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, James B. McHugh earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola College in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Today, James B. McHugh holds the esteemed position of both Group Director and Senior Vice President of Signature Bank, providing services for business and private clients from his Brooklyn office;

shortly, he will relocate to a new office on the parade route in Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, After 23 years of experience in the Financial Services Industry, James B. McHugh began working on Wall Street working at Prudential Securities Inc.; throughout the next 11 years, he worked his way up becoming a Vice President and Manager of Sales/Marketing for the Unit Investment Trust Department; and

WHEREAS, James B. McHugh then moved on to Neuberger Berman, where he held the position of Senior Investment Counselor in their Fund Advisory Service; in 2004, he made a career change by becoming a Banker for JPMorgan Chase and quickly promoted to Branch Manager; and

WHEREAS, From there, James B. McHugh was recruited by Commerce Bank to open their newest location at the landmark Kleinfeld Building, which later became TD Bank; in 2010, he joined Signature Bank; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his Irish community and heritage, James B. McHugh holds the title of President of the St. Patrick Society of Brooklyn, and recently, stepped down as the first Chairman of St. Anselm Catholic Academy; and

WHEREAS, Currently, James B. McHugh is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cathedral Club of Brooklyn, where he served as President; he is also a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, a member of the Board of Directors for the Boy Scouts of America Brooklyn Council, an Eagle Scout, an Advisory Board Member for the Bay Ridge Senior Center, a participant of the AOH Division 3 in Staten Island, and member of the 12:30 Club, as well as President of the Colonial Club of Bay Ridge; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Sunset Hill in Staten Island, James B. McHugh is a parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel in which he is a Den Leader for Pack 77 and has been a CYO basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he works and lives, James B. McHugh has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for

his incredible work including the 2008 International Brotherhood Award from P.S./I.S. 104, the Ragamuffin Parade's 2009 Man of the Year, The Bay Ridge Community Council's Civic Award in 2013, and the 2014 Bay Ridge for Scouting's Community Achievement Award; most recently, he received The 34th Annual Great Irish Fair's Jerry Forest Memorial Award in September 2015; and

WHEREAS, James B. McHugh proposed to his future wife, Kristin on the top of O'Brien's Tower on the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland in 2000; in 1992, James proudly watched as his wife was crowned the Colleen Queen of the Great Irish Fair; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, and his three children, Madison, Grace, and Sean, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, intellect and commitment as that demonstrated by over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, James B. McHugh 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 James B. McHugh upon the occasion of his selection as Grand Marshal of the Annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Grand Marshal James B. McHugh.