

## 2021-J1785

Senate Resolution No. 1785

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Alex Sisti upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2022 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to individuals of true purpose and worthy accomplishment who work diligently to preserve and celebrate their rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Alex Sisti upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2022 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgment of this most prestigious appointment, Alex Sisti will have the honor of leading the Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alex Sisti is a key figure in the opening of the Irish Cultural Center of the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Alex Sisti served as a committee member of the Great American Irish Festival from its inception, even chairing trash-pickup; through his efforts, he has given back to Utica in many ways, especially for the Irish community; it would be difficult to think of any Irish initiative he did not have a role in during the past 20

years; and

WHEREAS, Other roles Alex Sisti has had in the Mohawk Valley's Irish-American community include recording secretary of Ancient Order of Hibernians from 2007 to 2010, a member of Irish culture organization Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, and co-founding the Mohawk Valley Irish Cultural Events Newsletter; and

WHEREAS, As a local musician, Alex Sisti has also promoted Irish music with performances with The Blarney Rebel Band; furthermore, he has had stints with Justice McBride Band, Puttin' on the Ritz, Les Brers and King Kool and his Royal Blues; and

WHEREAS, 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 commend Alex Sisti upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the 2022 Utica St. Patrick's Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alex Sisti.