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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONERS GILL & LUCIANO  
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(g)  
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E. 2-29(B)

COMMENDATION

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CONGRATULATING DR. MATTHEW WHELAN  
AS AN HONOREE OF THE FRIENDS OF BRIAN BORU, INC.  
FOR ITS 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE - MARCH 15, 2023

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WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan will be honored by the Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., during the organization's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance, which will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at the Valley Regency in Clifton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., led by its President, Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, is one of Essex County's leading Irish-American organizations. It was established in 1943 in honor of Brian Boru, the last great High King of Ireland of the late 10th Century, who was the first to subdue all his rivals and unify all of Ireland under one rule; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan was born and raised in Denville, New Jersey, in an Irish family of eight children. He attended St. Mary's School and Morris Catholic High School in Denville, New Jersey, and Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania. He holds a Master's degree from William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, and a doctorate in educational leadership from Dowling College in Shirley, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan's family sponsored and hosted children with the Project Children Organization while he was growing up. He and his wife, Kathy are familiar with the Caldwell area having lived in the borough when they were first married. They have three daughters and a three-year-old border collie, Lucy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan became the ninth president of Caldwell University on July 1, 2020. He is the first male lay president in Caldwell's history. Prior to joining Caldwell University, he served as Vice President for University Enrollment Strategy and Relationship Development at Stony Brook University holding key leadership roles in undergraduate and graduate admissions, financial aid, registrar, enrollment management, student services, fundraising, facilities and strategic planning for several campuses. He previously held the position of Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at Stony Brook; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan has expansive experience leading administrative and faculty teams at Catholic and public higher education institutions including St. John's University, Hofstra University, William Paterson University and Mercyhurst College. He was directly involved with the recruitment of Irish students and scholarship program at his Alma Mater, Mercyhurst, and has made several trips there. Fall of 2022, he went back to Ireland to visit his daughter who was studying at the University of Galway; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Whelan has held a number of positions on national higher education boards and associations, presented nationally and internationally on issues impacting higher education, coached a women's soccer team to a NCAA Division II Final Four appearance and taught graduate students in higher education administration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates Dr. Matthew Whelan as he is honored by the Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., during its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Dr. Matthew Whelan.



Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Commissioner	Yes	No.	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					MERCADO				
GILL					POMARES, V.P.				
GRAHAM					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON									
LUCIANO					RICHARDSON, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was ( ) adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on \_\_\_\_\_

Is Publication Required ( ) Yes ( ) No

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

Wayne L. Richardson, President