

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#75

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

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

WHEREAS, Kevin Schneider 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, Kevin Schneider was born in Newark, New Jersey, on March 8th, 1958, to parents, Phillip and Florence Schneider. Philip was a World War II Army Infantry Veteran and accountant for the State of New Jersey. Florence served the war effort as a volunteer in the Signal Corp and later became a Telephone Operator, with New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, for over forty-years; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Schneider received a parochial school education at St. Leo's Elementary School, and Seton Hall Preparatory School. He achieved a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Public Administration and a Masters of Administrative Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University, along with an Education Specialist degree from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Schneider is very proud of his Irish Heritage. His mother Florence O'Neil (maiden name), one of five children born of John O'Neil and Katherine O'Leary, who migrated from Ireland in the early 1900's to the United States. The O'Leary family were farmers from the town of Ennistimon, County Clare, Ireland. The family farm still exists today. Several O'Leary's became priests and nuns in Ireland and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Schneider comes from a Law Enforcement family, his late uncle, John Cuff, Sr., was a Newark Police Detective, cousin John Cuff Jr. was Chief in the United States Federal Marshall and cousin Glen O'Neil was a Newark Police Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Schneider began his career as a Police Officer with the East Orange Police Department in 1980, he transferred to the Newark Police Department in 1981, the largest Municipal Police Department in the State of New Jersey. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2003, serving as a Deputy Chief for almost half of his career in Law Enforcement. Throughout his career he served in many top-level positions, which included Commander of Narcotic and Gang Bureau, East District Precinct Commander and Commander of the Office of Professional Standards. He is currently Chief of Detectives and has served as the Acting Chief of Police on numerous occasions. He is very proud of the fact that he is part of a team that has brought crime down considerably, finishing the year 2022 with the lowest homicide rate since 1961 and with shootings down 36 % from the prior year. He is scheduled to retire in April of 2023, with having served 43-years in Law Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Kevin Schneider has received numerous awards and commendations. He is proud to have been the recipient of the 2012 Police Director's Award, given to only one member of the Police Department, for Outstanding Service. He has maintained a lifelong devotion to Martial Arts. He was awarded black belts in Tae Kwon Do, Karate and Judo; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates Kevin Schneider 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 Kevin Schneider.

*Michael J. Polunski*

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