

#65

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPOSED BY: ACCLAMATION  
SUBJECT:

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

COMMENDATION

MICHAEL McCORMICK, SR.  
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WEST ORANGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

WHEREAS, Michael McCormick, Sr., of West Orange, New Jersey, has been named Grand Marshal of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023, and he will be honored during the Parade's Annual Investiture on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at The Manor in West Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Michael McCormick, Sr., was born and raised in West Orange, New Jersey, the oldest of three children, with sister Kathleen coming next and then brother Brian, born to Thomas, Jr., and Nora "Pat" McCormick. Before Tom passed in 2014, Tom and Pat were happily married for 56 years, and had their wedding reception at The Manor in West Orange in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the historic lineage of the McCormicks in West Orange stretches back for 135-years, beginning with Michael McCormick, Sr.'s, great-grandfather John McCormick immigrating from French Park, County Roscommon in 1888. Upon arriving in the States, he was greeted by the Blizzard of '88, but kept the faith and stayed on to create a legacy for generations to come. John started out as a gardener in Llewellyn Park, and once West Orange created the official police force in the 1890's, John found his calling and joined what might be referred to as the "first class" of the West Orange Police Department - Badge #8; and

WHEREAS, years later, John's son Thomas, Sr. - Michael McCormick, Sr.'s grandfather - joined the rank and file of the West Orange Police Department and remained a lifelong resident of West Orange. As a child, he remembers the stories his grandfather told about his retirement years when he ended up working alongside Thomas A. Edison at his laboratories on Main Street in West Orange; and

WHEREAS, Michael McCormick, Sr.'s mother Nora's Irish lineage begins with her father, Michael Kerr who hails from Portsalon, County Donegal. He came to the United States at the age of 15 with his father John and two brothers Daniel and George. His mother Margaret, Sweeney Kerr, and sisters, Nellie and Peggy, came later. Nora's mother, Mary Kerr, came to the United States in 1920 at the age of 18. She came through Ellis Island, by herself, from Gortiness, Cloghan, County Donegal. His maternal grandparents met in Brooklyn, New York, and were soon married. They eventually settled in Newark, New Jersey, where Nora "Pat" was born, the fourth of five children; and

WHEREAS, Michael McCormick, Sr.'s passion for the Shillelagh Club came from watching his parents work and volunteer their time in promoting their Irish heritage and comradery. He is very proud of the years of service he has given to the Club including serving on the Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary. In addition, he headed up the Annual Dinner Dance Gala as Chairman; and

WHEREAS, currently, Michael McCormick, Sr., works in the property management business. In addition, he is the Vice President of the Michael T. McCormick, Jr., Memorial Foundation - a foundation named after their son, Michael Jr., who was suddenly taken from them on his 19th birthday in 2009. The Foundation has raised hundreds of thousands of scholarship dollars to assist deserving students in the community, including Seton Hall Prep, and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three years ago, Michael McCormick, Sr., married Karen Kodman McCormick (Irish on her Mother's side - the McKeon's from County Sligo, the province of Connacht, and the Beirne family from County Roscommon in the province of Connacht), and set about to raise their family in West Orange. Together they were blessed to raise two children, Michael Jr., and Meaghan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Michael McCormick, Sr., for being named Grand Marshal of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Michael McCormick, Sr.

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

*Michael J. Richardson*  
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