

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

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RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: ACCLAMATION
SUBJECT:

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

COMMENDATION

MICHELE McCUE SHAFFER
DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 70TH ANNUAL WEST ORANGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer of Denville, New Jersey, has been named Deputy Grand Marshal of the 70th Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023, and she will be honored during the Parade's Annual Investiture on Sunday, February 19, 2022, at The Manor in West Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer was born in East Orange, New Jersey, to William Spanky McCue and Ann Durkin McCue. Her paternal grandparents are from Donegal and Sligo and her maternal grandparents are from Mayo and Roscommon; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer grew up in the Doddtown section of East Orange, attending Holy Name Grammar School, and then moved to Denville in Morris County. She attended Morris Knolls High School, and Katharine Gibbs School in Montclair, and received her Bachelor of Science in Human Resources from the College of St. Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer's father, Spanky, was an East Orange Fireman for almost 40-years and the proprietor of McRoy's Pub in Clifton. Her parents were very involved in the Essex County Irish Community, including the Cryan Association, the Ruane Association, Project Children, the Women of Irish Heritage, the Shillelagh Club, the Essex County Emerald Society, and many other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer's parents were adamant about instilling the Irish culture, tradition, and pride, and the West Orange Parade, always a coveted event for the McCue family continues as a point of pride for the Shaffer family. Growing up, the families that ran the parade were affectionately referred to as "our West Orange Camelot," signifying the importance and royalty of this parade; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer now continues her family legacy of being "West Orange Camelot," after her father who served as Deputy Grand Marshall of the West Orange Parade in 1994, and her godmother, Ann Cully Malkinski who was Deputy Grand Marshal in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer is active in her church, is the Unit Chairperson for the American Legion Girls State Program, and a volunteer for Wreaths Across America. She is also involved in the Eddie Mal Association, is a member of the Executive Board for the Women of Irish Heritage, a member of the Executive Board for the Sisters of St. Brigid, and the Irish American Association of the Oranges. She continues to be an active supporter of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh and the Essex County Emerald Society and was nominated as The Shillelagh Club's Friend of the Friendly Sons; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer resides in Denville with her husband Stephen Shaffer, with whom she's travelled to Ireland three times since they've been married and are planning another trip upon retirement; and

WHEREAS, Michele McCue Shaffer is immensely proud of her three daughters: Anne, currently working on her Master's Degree at Stockton University; Molly, a Criminal Justice/Sociology Major, graduated from Moravian University; and Colleen, a Politics/Journalism Major, graduated from Sacred Heart University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Michele McCue Shaffer for being named Deputy Grand Marshal of the 70th Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Michele McCue Shaffer.

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