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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(q)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E. 2-29(B)

COMMENDATION

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

WHEREAS, Rich Hughes of Red Bank, 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 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, Rich Hughes was born August 14, 1961, at Saint Michael's hospital in Newark, New Jersey. He is the second of three children by the late Aloysius and Marianne (Sedges) Hughes and is brother to Aloysius Jr., and Christine (Baragona). His Grandparents Edward and Gladys Hughes moved their family to Newark, New Jersey, in a time when many Irish families were moving away from Pennsylvania's coal mine regions that were harshly affected by widespread mine closings. Edward found work in the field of ironworking which was booming in Newark during the 50s and 60s. His father Aloysius and two brothers, Jerry and John, who also had a sister Patricia, followed in their dad's footsteps working out of Ironworkers Union Local 11 in Bloomfield. His mother Marianne was a lifelong server, working in several West Orange locations, The Tory Corner Diner, Ann's Clam Bar, and Rock Spring Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Rich Hughes moved to West Orange in 1969 at the age of eight. He attended Washington and Fairmont Grammar Schools, Edison Middle School, and West Orange High School. While in school, he excelled in sports having earned All-State honors in football and wrestling his way to a championship in New Jersey District 8 Tournament his senior year in 1979. After his school years, he continued his passion for sports playing in several adult softball and flag football leagues. He played rugby for the Newark Shepherds, and enjoyed coaching for the West Essex Youth Wrestling and football programs; and

WHEREAS, Rich Hughes marched in his first West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1979 as an aide to the Grand Marshal for the late Terry O'Reilly. He Joined the Irish American Society of the Oranges (IASO) at the age of 22 in 1983 and went on to serve as Sergeant at Arms, Vice President, and President. He has carried their banner with pride in the parade for more than 35-years, most years with best friend John O'Reilly, and recently with his son Rudi Hughes. In that time, he has supplied the banner and flags to the parade's yearly morning mass. He is also the father of Casey Hughes, his eldest, and is proud to say that both son and daughter have marched in every West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade since their birth. Whether pushed in a stroller by their mother Margaret O'Reilly (2010 Deputy Grand Marshal) or eagerly helping Dad carry the banner and flags, it has always been a treasured tradition in the family. He has also enjoyed being chairperson for many of the IASO's annual picnics and served in the past as the society's delegate to the parade committee; and

WHEREAS, Rich Hughes is the Chief Engineer at the Doubletree Newark Penn Station Hotel in Newark, where he just celebrated his 30th year. He is a 43-year member of Local 68 Operating Engineers of West Caldwell and is a graduate of their apprenticeship school. He holds a Red Seal license in steam generation and a Blue Seal license in refrigeration. His other employment through the years have included The West Orange Board of Education, Macy's in Menlo Park, and Bloomingdale's in Short Hills. He is a member of the Red Bank Elks and is a long-suffering fan of the New York Jets and New York Mets; and

WHEREAS, Rich Hughes and his wife Filomena (Loffredo) who is also a 1979 West Orange High School graduate reside in Red Bank, New Jersey, and love to cook, entertain, and travel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates and commends Rich Hughes 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 Rich Hughes.

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