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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 THE HONORABLE BRENDAN W. GILL  
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, the Honorable Brendan W. Gill 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, the Honorable Brendan W. Gill is a third-generation Irish American who traces his roots to County Cork & County Mayo. He is a graduate and active alumnus of Montclair High School and Seton Hall University. He, his wife, Alixon Collazos, and children Gabriel and Kristen, live in Montclair, New Jersey. A lifelong resident of Montclair, he has dedicated his life to public service and supporting the Irish American community. He chairs the Essex County Board of Commissioners annual celebration recognizing the dignitaries of Essex County's three St. Patrick's Day parades; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Brendan W. Gill was named Essex County Irishman of the Year 2018; 2016 Irishman of the Year of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Montclair Division 9; St. Joseph's Hospital 2019 Irishman of the Year and Grand Marshal of the Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2014. He has served on the government affairs and public relations committees of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade and has hosted its television broadcast and served as an aide to two of the parade's Grand Marshals—Rosemarie Mellody, the parade's first woman Grand Marshal, in 2015, and John McCabe in 1998. He is a long-time member of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the Irish Network, the Giblin Association, the Cryan Association and the NIAA, and has been recognized by the Irish Echo for his professional and public service accomplishments. He is also a long-standing member of the Montclair 100 Club; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Brendan W. Gill was first elected to the Essex County Board of Commissioners in 2011, and served as President of the Board from 2018-2020. In 2019, he also served as president of the New Jersey Association of Counties. He is the founder and CEO of The BGill Group, a public affairs, strategic communications and political consulting firm based in Montclair. He is regularly recognized as one of New Jersey's most influential public affairs consultants and political operatives. His notable career achievements include managing the historic 2017 gubernatorial campaign of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, serving as state director for U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg, senior advisor to U.S. Sen. Cory Booker, district director for U.S. Congressman Bill Pascrell and Steve Rothman, chief of staff to Assemblyman Peter Eagler, and communications director for the New Jersey Department of Transportation under two commissioners; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates the Honorable Brendan W. Gill 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 the Honorable Brendan W. Gill.

*Michael J. Richardson*

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