

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#76

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: COMMISSIONERS GILL & LUCIANO
SUBJECT:

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

COMMENDATION

CONGRATULATING FATHER MICHAEL J. DRURY
AS AN HONOREE OF THE FRIENDS OF BRIAN BORU, INC.
FOR ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE - MARCH 15, 2023

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Drury will be honored by the Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., during the organization's 80th 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, Father Michael J. Drury received a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Saint Mary's College Seminary in Kentucky (1966-1970). He attended Saint Mary's University Graduate School in Baltimore, Maryland (1970-1974) where he obtained a MDIV degree. He became an ordained priest at Saint John's Cathedral in Paterson, New Jersey in (1974); and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Drury has been an ordained Catholic priest for 49-years. He has been a parish priest for 44-years where he served as Associate Pastor at St. Anthony's Church in Hawthorne, New Jersey (1974), Blessed Sacrament Church in Paterson, New Jersey (1975), and St. Joseph's Church in Mendham, New Jersey, (1982-1994). He has also served as a Pastor at St. Luke's Church in Long Valley, New Jersey, (1994-present); and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Drury created the Police Chaplaincy Program in Mendham Borough and Mendham Township Police. He was the Assistant Chaplain at the Maryland State Penitentiary and the Assistant Jail Chaplain at the Passaic County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Drury wears many hats. He is currently the Chaplain for the United States Secret Service, New Jersey State Police, New Jersey Transit Police and Morris County Law and Public Safety. He is a member of Apollo Debriefing Team, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, International Conference of Police Chaplains and American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. He is also on the Board of Directors for: Edmund's Retreat/Recovery Program, Daytop Drug Rehab, Little Sisters of the Poor and Eva's Village; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of County Commissioners hereby congratulates Father Michael J. Drury as he is honored by the Friends of Brian Boru, Inc., during its 80th Anniversary Dinner-Dance; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Father Michael J. Drury.

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 |
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| 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