



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Declaring Intent/Supporting

Purpose: March 8, 2019 through March 15, 2019 as Irish Heritage Week in Newark and supporting the Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Friday, March 15, 2019

Additional Information:

Designating Mulberry Street as O'Neil Boulevard, Center Street as Conlon Boulevard; and, Central Avenue as Gartland Boulevard, and the intersection of Washington Street and Central Avenue as Saint Patrick's Square for Irish Heritage Week.

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade will begin at 1:00 P.M. at Lafayette and Mulberry Streets and end at Central Avenue and Washington Street.

WHEREAS, Irish-Americans from organizations located primarily in Essex, Hudson, and Union counties came together in 1936 to form the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc., sponsor of New Jersey's first and finest Saint Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be led by Grand Marshal Sean O'Neill, Chief Engineer at the Panasonic Building in Newark and Past President of the Ironbound Irish American Association while the Deputy Grand Marshal will be Kathleen M. Conlon, Director of Burn Community and Disaster Programs at The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be dedicated to the late Thomas J. Gartland, who distinguished himself as a strong supporter of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade for many years; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Grand Marshal and the Deputy Grand Marshal, as well as General Chairman Michael D. Byrne, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is also the sponsor of Irish Heritage Week in Newark featuring a week-long promotion for restaurants, Art and Essay Contests for students of the Archdiocese of Newark, an Annual Student History Breakfast, the seventh Annual Saint Patrick's Day High School Band Competition for high school bands from across New Jersey; and a charitable giving program for worthy institutions such as St. John's Soup Kitchen, the National Guard State Family Readiness Council, St. Benedict's Prep, and Saint Vincent Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Newark Municipal Council wishes to publicly recognize the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. and their plans for a week of spiritual, educational, cultural, charitable, and economic activities that will enrich the fabric of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Municipal Council does hereby support the 84th Year of Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., beginning at Lafayette Street and Mulberry Street and ending at Central Avenue and Washington Street and in recognition of the many contributions that Irish-Americans have made to the City of Newark and continue to make declares the week of March 8, 2019 through March 15, 2019 as Irish Heritage Week.
2. The Municipal Council designates Mulberry Street as O'Neil Boulevard, Center Street as Conlon Boulevard, Central Avenue as Gartland Boulevard, and the intersection of Washington Street and Central Avenue as Saint Patrick's Square for Irish Heritage Week.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be presented to Grand Marshal Sean O'Neill, Deputy Grand Marshal Kathleen M. Conlon, Honorable Susan H. Gartland, and General Chairman Michael D. Byrne by the Municipal Council.

STATEMENT

This resolution hereby supports the 84th Year of Saint Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., beginning at Lafayette Street and Mulberry Street and ending at Central Avenue and Washington Street and in recognition of the many contributions that Irish-Americans have made to the City of Newark and declares the week of March 8, 2019 through March 15, 2019 as Irish Heritage Week designating Mulberry Street as O'Neil Boulevard, Center Street as Conlon Boulevard, Central Avenue as Gartland Boulevard, and the intersection of Washington Street and Central Avenue as Saint Patrick's Square during Irish Heritage Week.