

IN RECOGNITION OF IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

MARCH 2024

- WHEREAS,** BY 1776 NEARLY 300,000 IRISH NATIONALS HAD EMIGRATED TO THE AMERICAN COLONIES AND PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN AMERICA'S WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE. IRISH AMERICANS IN FLORIDA HAVE PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THEIR STATE, COUNTIES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES; AND
- WHEREAS,** IRISH IMMIGRANTS SOUGHT A NEW BEGINNING IN THE UNITED STATES AS THEY ARRIVED ON OUR SHORES FULL OF HOPE AND DREAMS OF THE FUTURE. WITH GRIT AND DETERMINATION, THEY WORKED HARD BUILDING THEIR LIVES, NEVER FORGETTING WHERE THEY CAME FROM, AND ALWAYS REMEMBERING THE COURAGE AND PRIDE THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM FROM THE OLD COUNTRY AND PASSING THESE TRAITS DOWN TO EACH NEW GENERATION; AND
- WHEREAS,** THAT PRIDE LIVES ON TODAY IN THE HEARTS OF IRISH AMERICANS ACROSS OUR NATION. IT LIVES ON IN BUSINESS OWNERS, SCIENTISTS, AND LABOR LEADERS WHO HOLD DEAR THE IRISH BELIEF THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY, AND IT RUNS DEEP IN SO MANY FIRST RESPONDERS, PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND BRAVE SERVICE MEMBERS WHO DEFEND OUR LIVES AND LIBERTIES – THE LIBERTIES THAT SO MANY IRISH IMMIGRANTS HELPED PRESERVE AND PROTECT; AND
- WHEREAS,** IRISH AMERICANS, SINCE AMERICA'S INCEPTION, HAVE PROVIDED AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THIS NATION'S POLITICAL, BUSINESS AND RELIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS. IT IS FITTING AND PROPER TO CELEBRATE THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE MANY VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF IRISH AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE NEW HIBERNIANS OF HOLLYWOOD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1998. HIBERNIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE IN IRELAND AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR MANY CENTURIES, HOWEVER UNLIKE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE, THE NEW HIBERNIANS OF HOLLYWOOD ARE NON-DENOMINATIONAL. THE GOAL OF THE NEW HIBERNIANS OF HOLLYWOOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PROMOTION OF IRISH CULTURE AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE IRISH DIASPORA'S PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, THE NEW HIBERNIANS OF HOLLYWOOD HAVE PRODUCED THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN DOWNTOWN HOLLYWOOD AND THE ACCOMPANYING FESTIVAL SINCE 1998; AND
- WHEREAS,** ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024, DOWNTOWN HOLLYWOOD WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO A SEA OF GREEN FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL. THIS ANNUAL EVENT FEATURES A TRADITIONAL FLOAT PARADE BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M. AN ARRAY OF FLOATS, PIPE AND DRUMS CORPS, MARCHING BANDS AND BUSINESS ENTRIES PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE ALONG WITH THE FAMOUS NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPE AND DRUM CORPS; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2024, AS:

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF
MARCH 2024, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA