

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, for centuries, Irish Americans have played a crucial role in helping define the soul of our Nation, our state, and our local community, and today, nearly 1 in 10 Americans proudly trace their roots back to the Emerald Isle; and

WHEREAS, with hope and faith in their hearts, the first immigrants from Ireland crossed the Atlantic in search of liberty and opportunity and this helped to write the American story; and

WHEREAS, the story of Irish Americans has always been one of strength and perseverance through adversity. Many Irish immigrants arrived on America's shores to escape the Great Famine, only to face discrimination, prejudice, and poverty. Despite these hard times, they embraced their new homes in every corner of America and helped build and fortify our Nation into what it is today

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have enriched our culture and nourished our hearts and souls through the arts and humanities, earning recognition as Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning poets and authors, award-winning musicians, storytellers, and dancers, and critically acclaimed actors. They have blessed our Nation with their indomitable spirit, faith, and love for family that has been passed down through the generations. This sense of community, hospitality, resilience, and passion are integral pieces of America's cultural tapestry; and


WHEREAS, Irish Americans became teachers, firefighters, police officers, labor leaders, farmers, business owners, and more. Irish Americans continue to bravely answer the call to serve, defending our nation and its values at home and abroad.

WHEREAS, as we celebrate Irish American Heritage Month, let us honor the journey and contributions of Irish Americans who helped shape our great country and our great borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. PUTRINO, Mayor of the Borough of New Milford, stand before you on this twelfth day of March, in the year of our lord two thousand twenty-two at the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 3814 in New Milford, New Jersey and do hereby proclaim March 2022, as

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in New Milford and encourage all public officials, residents, and businesses to honor this observance with appropriate activities and programs.


Mayor Michael Putrino