

By Legislators Delehanty and Marianetti

Intro. No. \_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2022

**RENEWAL OF THE NOBLE SISTER COUNTY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MONROE, N.Y., USA AND COUNTY CAVAN, IRELAND**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Monroe County Legislature and Cavan County Council hereby recognize and renew the mutual friendship developed between our counties, through having a common friend in Colonel Patrick O'Rorke; and

WHEREAS, Patrick O'Rorke was born March 28, 1836 in Cavan County, Cavan, Ireland and immigrated to the United States with his parents to establish a permanent home in Rochester, New York, in 1842 in a section known as "Dublin"; and

WHEREAS, in 1857 O'Rorke was chosen by Congressman Williams to study at the United States Military Academy and was the first Irishman to be given the opportunity of a West Point education; and

WHEREAS, in 1861 O'Rorke graduated first in his class a year earlier than scheduled due to the outbreak of the Civil War, and entered the Corps of Engineers with the rank of brevet second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, O'Rorke served with the Union Army through the summer of 1862, demonstrating his leadership and dedication at the battles of Bull Run, Fort Monroe, Fort Pulaski and others; and

WHEREAS, President Lincoln's mid-summer call for more troops was the impetus for the creation of two new infantry regiments from Rochester and Monroe County, and O'Rorke was appointed colonel of the second regiment of the 140th New York; and

WHEREAS, the morning of July 2, 1863 the 140th was engaged in the Battle of Gettysburg, where during a heroic battle leading his troops toward the enemy, Col. O'Rorke was killed; and

WHEREAS, Col. O'Rorke was originally buried on the battlefield, but was subsequently returned to Rochester by his widow, and laid to rest in Pinnacle Hill Cemetery. Today, Col. Patrick O'Rorke rests in peace at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York;

WHEREAS, today, 27 years since the original resolution establishing a "Noble Sister County Relationship" between Cavan County, Cavan, Ireland and Monroe County, New York, USA; once again representatives of both communities are joined together in joyful celebration and reaffirmation of our mutual friendship,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in furtherance of a motion unanimously approved by the elected members of Cavan County Council on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, that the honorable members of the Monroe County Legislature and of Cavan County Council recognize the **Noble Sister County Relationship between Monroe County, N.Y., USA, and the administrative area of County Cavan, Ireland.**

Matter of Urgency  
File No. 22-0313

ADOPTION: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ VETOED: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: \_\_\_\_\_