



Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

September 13, 2022

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

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No. <u>220313</u>	
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Committee Assignment	
<u>URGENT</u>	-L

Subject: Recognizing and Renewing a Noble Sister County Relationship Between the County of Monroe, New York, U.S.A., and Cavan County, Cavan Ireland

Honorable Legislators:

We recommend that Your Honorable Body recognize and renew the mutual friendship developed between the County of Monroe, New York, U.S.A., and Cavan County, Cavan Ireland, through having a common friend in Colonel Patrick O'Rorke.

By Resolution 174 of 1995, the Legislature established a "Noble Sister County Relationship" between Cavan County, Cavan, Ireland and Monroe County, New York, USA. Over the years our local Irish Community and our peers in our Sister County in Cavan, Ireland have maintained a mutual friendship with periodic exchanges between the counties and our respective residents. This summer, a delegation of residents from Monroe County visited our peers bringing a certified copy of Resolution 174 of 1995.

This September, Mr. Tommy Ryan, Chief Executive of Cavan County and Mr. John Paul Feeley, Cathaoirleach of Cavan County Council will be visiting Monroe County. In celebration of our bond of friendship, and in recognition of our 25th Anniversary as Sister Counties which occurred in 2020, making travel prohibitive, it has been requested that both Cavan County and Monroe County reaffirm our bond of friendship with mirroring resolutions.

On July 11, 2022, a motion was unanimously approved by the elected members of Cavan County Council, 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.

The specific legislative action required is to adopt the attached resolution recognizing and renewing the mutual friendship developed between the County of Monroe, New York, U.S.A., and Cavan County, Cavan Ireland, through having a common friend in Colonel Patrick O'Rorke.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This recognition and renewal will have no net impact on the revenues or expenditures of the Monroe County budget.

We recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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Monroe County Executive



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By Legislators _____ and _____

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 11th 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. 22-0

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____

VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____