

## TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK PROCLAMATION



### **IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2023**



**WHEREAS:** the Town of Pembroke Park recognizes the month of March as Irish American Heritage Month, and

**WHEREAS:** the first recorded celebration of Irish-Americans in the United States dates back to 1762 with the first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City. The parade became an annual event which was initially organized by military units. After the War of 1812, Irish fraternal societies took over the parade's organization; and

**WHEREAS:** it seemed natural to choose March (Saint Patrick's Day falls on March 17) for the month-long recognition of the contributions that Irish immigrants and their descendants have made to U.S. society. Virtually every realm of American endeavor, from steelworking to biotechnology to literature, has seen improvement through Irish-descended hands and minds; and

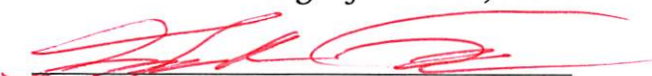
**WHEREAS:** what is less talked about is the anti-immigrant sentiment that was often faced by new Irish-Americans, largely a result of their Catholicism, which clashed with the predominantly Protestant backgrounds of the majority of families whose members had been among the original colonists. Irish-Americans faced bitter competition, even slanted legislation, in their search for good jobs and a place to call home, and

**WHEREAS:** This month we recognize not only the overcoming of those obstacles by Irish-Americans but also the incredible breadth and depth of their contributions to American society, from the Union's edge over the Confederacy in the Civil War to the intellectual contributions that have kept our country on the top tiers of accomplishment, and

**NOW, THEREFORE WE,** Mayor Geoffrey Jacobs, Vice Mayor Reynold Dieuville and Clerk Commissioner William R. Hodgkins by virtue of the authority vested by the Town of Pembroke Park do hereby proclaim the month of March as

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Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
Geoffrey Jacobs Mayor

  
Reynold Dieuville Vice Mayor

  
William R. Hodgkins Clerk Commissioner