



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, the **Pittsburgh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**, sponsored by the Irish Society for Education and Charity Inc. and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee with Parade Sponsors Cleaveland Price, PGT Trucking, Allegheny County Airport Authority, #1 Cochran, the City of Pittsburgh, Guinness and The Buncher Company will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, **The St. Patrick's Day Parade**, first held in 1869 and occurring non-stop since 1950, has grown in size and splendor and now consists of 22,000 participants and draws 200,000 spectators to downtown Pittsburgh, "all Irish for the day", and has become the oldest and largest parade in the City of Pittsburgh, the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United States. This year's Parade will be dedicated in the memory of Glenn Cannon, a faithful member of the Pittsburgh Irish Community and of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS**, the magnificent **St. Patrick's Day Parade** celebrates Pittsburgh's Irish heritage and will present 200 marching units including bands, specialty acts, floats, local and Irish officials, police, fire, emergency service agencies, military bands and a host of Irish heritage groups. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the highlight of an entire week of Irish heritage events in and around Pittsburgh, featuring area artists, musicians and community groups and is a catalyst for all Pittsburgh to explore Irish heritage, culture, entertainment and cuisine throughout the year. There will be a Pre-Parade Mass at St. Patrick Church in the Strip District and family-friendly fun in Market Square during the Parade; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the Greyhound Bus Station, led by this year's Grand Marshall, **Tim Finnerty**, and will include **Hibernian of the Year Joe White** and "**Miss Smiling Irish Eyes**", **Stephanie O'Donnell**, and her Court, **Courtney McGinley** and **Kelly Bench**; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish community, hereby declare the days of March 10 - 17, 2020 to be "**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK**" in the City of Pittsburgh.