

**Resolution Number 251**

**Paudie Coffey**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that Paudie Coffey will represent the Irish government in the 2015 St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, Paudie Coffey is the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment with Special Responsibility for Housing, Planning and Coordination of the Construction 2020 Strategy. He has been a member of Dáil Eireann since 2011 and previously a member of Seanad Eireann from 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, he was elected to Waterford County Council in 1999 and re-elected in 2004. During his time on the council Paudie served as Deputy Mayor of Waterford County Council and as Chairman of the South East Regional Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Paudie served in Seanad Eireann from 2007-2011 where he was Fine Gael Spokesperson on the Environment, Community and Local Government; he was also a Member of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment & Local Government & Member of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Energy Security & Climate Change; and

**WHEREAS**, when Paudie was elected to the Dáil in 2011 he was a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and was also chairperson of the Fine Gael Internal Committee on Environment, Community and Local Government. In 2013 he was elected as Vice Chairperson of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport and Communications; and

**WHEREAS**, Paudie's interests include; Hurling, Cycling, IT, Reading, Politics, and Community Development. Paudie holds a diploma in Facilities Management. Paudie also holds certificates from Waterford Institute of Technology and UCD; and

**WHEREAS**, Paudie is heavily involved in his community and is currently Chairperson of his local GAA Club and Secretary of a Day Centre for the Elderly. Paudie is former County Minor and U21 Hurler for Waterford. He is also a Former Secretary Portlaoigh GAA Club and U21 County Team Selector/Trainer; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to becoming a full time politician in 2007 Paudie worked in ESB Networks for over 20 years where he initially trained as an electrician and MV and LV Cable joiner. He subsequently joined the Network design department where, for a period of over seven years, he was responsible for the planning, design and project management of the electricity distribution system in the South East region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Paudie Coffey for the honor of being the representative from the Irish Government for the St. Louis Metropolitan St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2015 and for his many accomplishments as a legislator and public servant. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 by:

**Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen**

Honorable Stephen J. Conway, Alderman 8<sup>th</sup> Ward

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16<sup>th</sup> Ward

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen