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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Jack Connolly to Serve as Grand Marshal for North Wildwood's 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**North Wildwood** – Mayor Patrick Rosenello announced today that the grand marshal for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade will be Jack Connolly of North Wildwood, NJ. Jack is past president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a proponent and one of the creators of the Irish Fall Festival.

Furthermore, Jack and his wife Kathleen were part of a team that started the North Wildwood Fights for the Cure Family Event that raises funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The celebration of Irish Heritage starts on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. on the steps of City Hall, 901 Atlantic Ave., where Mayor Patrick Rosenello will welcome everyone. Guests will include representatives from City Council, various city departments, Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, and Miss North Wildwood Danielle DeRitis, among others.

The parade will step off at noon, proceeding north on Atlantic Avenue to First Avenue, and then travel west on to Old New Jersey Avenue to Spruce Avenue. All of our local Irish organizations will march including but not limited to: the Cape May County Emerald Society, the AOH and LAOH, the Anglesea Irish Society and the Cape Atlantic Police and Fire Pipe Brigade. The Sheriff mounted patrol along with local school bands will also join in the fun.

As always, it will be a grand parade celebrating the heritage of so many North Wildwood residents. Should it rain this year, we'll bring the celebration into the Recreation Center located at 900 Central Ave. on the same day and time. For questions regarding the parade route, dates and times, please contact our Tourism Office at 1-800-882-7787.