



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Celebrate the Irish Heritage and Contributions of Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Patrick Welling to Franklin County Irish Proclamation Day, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, Patrick was born in Columbus, Ohio to parents Michael and Connie Welling and was named after his father's best friend, Columbus Police Officer Patrick Mentel; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick attended Christ the King Catholic grade school and graduated from Bishop Hartley High School, where he was a standout football player; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick attended the Ohio State University and in 1986 began his career in Public Service with the City of Columbus, starting with the Parking Violations Bureau. In 1996 Patrick joined the Franklin County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff and was assigned to positions in the Corrections Division and Court Services. During his time with the Sheriff's Office, Deputy Welling has received numerous commendations and Chief's Coins; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Welling and his wife, Kim have three daughters, Jessica, Makenzie and Allison and one grandson, Adam. Patrick is a proud member of the Shamrock Club and was a long time member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Deputy Welling is incredibly proud of his Irish heritage with family names such as Keenan, Devine, Hughes, McMahon, Fitzpatrick, Penland, Turley, Patrick and Ward all being traced back to Ireland. Patrick is particularly grateful that he is able to share this day with the Mentel and McSweeney families, who have been lifelong friends and share his commitment to public service and Irish culture; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize Deputy Sheriff Patrick Welling on Proclamation Day, March 13, 2020 as an honoree who has celebrated and shared his heritage with the citizens of Franklin County through his service; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and honor, Patrick Welling, for his Irish heritage and his commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Franklin County through selfless service.