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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, 2020

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

An invitation has been received by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to attend the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, 2022.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah is the second largest parade in the world after New York City. It is Savannah's 197<sup>th</sup> Parade. Over these 197 years the Parade Committee has worked hard to establish the parade as one of the premier parades anywhere in the world. Numerous bands and groups from all over the United States and from Ireland perform each year in front of an estimated crowd of 800,000 people.

However, it would be a great opportunity for the Council to build on the relationship between the civic and business organisations in Savannah during the St. Patrick's Day period at a variety of events that will be taking place in Savannah at that time. As part of the itinerary a visit to Ortec Inc. Headquarters in Charlotte will take place. Ortec facility is currently under construction in Newcastle West.

It is proposed that the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Councillor Daniel Butler, and a delegation would travel to Savannah, Georgia for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and associated events.

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council is hereby sought for this proposed visit to Savannah, Georgia, with an estimated cost of €3,000.

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