



## ***GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

### **2020 Parade Rules and Regulations**

*The FEDERATION OF HELLENIC SOCIETIES OF GREATER NY appreciates your participation in the Parade and your cooperation in making it a successful community event.*

#### **Overarching Regulations:**

- Safety is “Priority One” for the Parade.
- All units are required to follow all Directions of Parade Marshals, Traffic Control Volunteers, Federation’s Organizers, Security & Police.
- The Federation of Hellenic Societies, Inc. and the Parade Committee have the right to decline a parade entry or adjust other matters regarding the Parade for any reason at any time at its sole discretion.

#### **Items distributed during the parade:**

- NO ITEMS MAY BE THROWN DURING THE PARADE. Throwing items will cause suspension of the unit/group from future parades.
- Any item that will be passed out or distributed on the parade route must be approved by the Parade Committee.
- No advertising / logos / business promotional items are to be handed out on the parade route unless they are a Sponsor of the parade and the items are approved by the Parade Committee by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

#### **Participation:**

- All units must accept and comply with the battalion placement and line up assigned by the Federation.
- Please keep your unit less than 25 yards behind the unit which is ahead of you at all times during the parade route.
- Please comply with the instructions given by the Traffic Control volunteers.
- No one will be allowed to ascend or descend from a float once it has entered the parade route.
- Units must complete the entire parade route and finish where the parade ends.
- One leased float per unit unless approved by the Parade Committee. Additional participation fees may apply for more than one vehicle/float. The cost of leasing the custom-made float for the day of the parade must be paid directly to the float company.
- Each unit is allowed up to one (1) optional sign on the side of its float no more than 40” long and 16” high on which its sponsors could be listed.
- Participants on the float or marching around the float are prohibited from holding or demonstrating any business signage or advertisements. If any unit is observed displaying signage or advertisements in excess of what is described above, unit’s participation will be considered commercial and will be billed accordingly. See organizer’s website for business/commercial participation application and cost.
- Unpaid past parade participation fees will prevent any future parade participation.

- **DRINKING OF ALCOHOL BEFORE OR DURING THE PARADE BY ANY PARTICIPANT OF A UNIT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AND WILL CAUSE IMMEDIATE EJECTION OF THE ENTIRE UNIT FROM THE PARADE.**
- Participants must clean up any mess or debris left by your unit.
- Due to safety and insurance reasons, animals are not allowed in the Parade without prior approval by the Parade Committee by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Due to safety and insurance regulations the use of bikes, scooters, motorized scooters, hover boards are strictly prohibited.

**Waivers and Releases:**

- Entry and advertising release: In consideration of acceptance of your entry in the Parade, the entrant agrees to permit the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater NY to use their names and/or photographs, films or tapes of the units for publicity, advertising and commercial promotion, before, during and after the event, and gives permission to publish or sell or otherwise dispose of said photographs, films or tapes.
- Liability release: All parade entries are required to have a representative sign the liability waiver on their Parade application. The representative signing for each unit takes full responsibility for their unit in the parade. The representative also agrees that his/her unit fully understands and agrees to adhere to these Rules and Regulations. Marshals and or Parade Traffic Control will check for and ask to speak with the representative during set up.

**No political promotion in the parade:**

- The Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit and does not endorse any political candidate or party or political issue.
  - Elected officials are welcomed to march in the parade to represent the office that they hold. Candidates can participate in the parade but cannot be the focus (in part or in whole) of any unit. Under no circumstances can any political information about any candidate or political issue be handed out or promoted/displayed as part of any unit.
- Failure to adhere to these Rules and Regulations could mean unit ejection from the parade without refund and/or failure for unit to participate in future parades.

**Reminder:** Payment of the parade participation fee and the optional float and/or leased band fees are required by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

*Ευχαριστούμε για την συνεργασία.*

*Καλή παρέλαση!*

