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Dear Members of the Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee:

I want to congratulate you on reaching the 25th year of the Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Organizing an event of this scale year after year takes persistence, coordination, and a great deal of volunteer commitment. Reaching this milestone is a reflection of that sustained effort and the support you have built within the community.

The parade has become a recognizable part of New Hanover County's spring season. It draws visitors downtown, provides an opportunity to celebrate Irish heritage, and brings many residents together for a day of shared traditions.

Thank you for the work you put into planning and hosting this event. I wish the Committee continued success as you celebrate the 25th year of honoring Irish culture and heritage.

Sincerely,

Rob Zapple
New Hanover County Commissioner