PULASKI DAY PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

Compliance with the Gen. Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee (GPMPC) Parade Rules and Regulations is mandatory. Any organization that does not follow these guidelines will be subject to removal from the Parade. Parade Participants are asked to follow instructions from the GPMPC and the NYPD.

The GPMPC does not endorse or encourage illegal behavior by anyone participating in the Parade. The GPMPC is the permit holder and reserves the right to deny participation of any group or individual who may be considered unacceptable to participate in the Parade.

The GPMPC will abide by all New York State laws governing public decency. Any individual or group who violates these laws may be removed from the Parade by the NYPD.

The Safety of our Marchers and those watching the Parade is our primary concern and should also be yours.

- 1. The Parade will be held rain or shine.
- 2. All units are expected to present a Polish theme, decorations and/or colors.
- 3. Honor Gen. Casimir Pulaski by wearing your Sunday best or any other uniform, ethnic costume or colorful dress. Please reconsider wearing anything shabby or resembling work clothes.
- 4. If medical help is needed, notify the nearest NYPD Police Officer, who will radio the EMS for assistance.
- 5. Every Contingent must name at least one coordinator as point of contact between the parade staff and your group.
- 6. Every Contingent that is assigned a Bond float must provide a person responsible for the float. To accompany the float and assist in proper deployment.
- 7. An adult must accompany all minors on a float.
- 8. 31st Street is exclusively reserved for Bond Floats, no trucks, no vans, and no private cars.
- 9. Vehicles will be allowed in the Parade if they are carrying dignitaries, Miss Polonia, providing music or if the vehicle has entertainment value.
- 10. Contingent floats, vehicles, flatbed trucks line up with marchers on respective street.
- 11. Please follow any and all instructions from the parade staff. Any float, vehicle or motorcycle that is operated against instructions will be removed from the Parade.
- 12. Have at least one person responsible for walking with the vehicle or float to ensure the safety of all involved and alert drivers of potential problems.
- 13. Have adequate insurance for your vehicle on the day of the Parade as the GPMPC or the City of New York are not liable for any accidents or injuries which are due to motor vehicles, floats or motorcycles. Said insurance must be present on the vehicle

the day of the parade in case you are asked by the NYPD to show proof of insurance. All drivers must have a valid driver's license on the day of the Parade.

- 14. Parking passes are for parade workers only. They are NOT for vehicles to drive in the parade.
- 15. Marchers should proceed so as not to impede the orderly flow of the Parade and shall neither move too quickly nor stop unless instructed.
- 16. Enter and exit the parade route as instructed by the parade staff and the NYPD.
- 17. Throwing of candy or other items from any parade unit is prohibited. This is for the safety of the crowd. Thrown objects can cause injury e.g., by hitting someone in the eye.
- 18. Refrain from collecting any donations along the parade route.
- 19. Parade marchers are not allowed to hand out advertising, political campaign literature or promotional materials while participating in the parade. No Campaign signs are allowed. This ensures that the GPMPC is compliant with Internal Revenue Service regulations regarding 501c3 organizations.
- 20. To protect the interests of companies and organizations providing financial support to the Parade, no commercial/promotional signs, logos, advertising, etc. can be allowed on the Parade route without prior approval from the GPMPC. The GPMPC reserves all advertising rights in the Parade.
- 21. The presence and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by any Parade participant are strictly prohibited. Anyone found in violation of this policy will be removed immediately from the Parade and will be cited by law enforcement officers working the event.
- 22. The GPMPC will review performance of all units relative to these policies and reserves the right to deny repeat participation to any unit.
- 23. All persons must comply with the United States Flag etiquette. Please consult www.usflag.org if you have any questions regarding proper flag display.

RULES FOR DRIVERS

- 1. All drivers must possess a valid driver's license.
- 2. All drivers must possess valid registration for the vehicle they are operating.
- 3. All CDL drivers must be in compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

RULES FOR VEHICLES

- 1. All CDL vehicles must be in compliance with the FMCSA.
- 2. All vehicles must be properly registered.
- 3. All vehicles must have a valid state inspection.

- 4. All vehicles must have working brake lights and turn signals.
- 5. All vehicles must have properly functioning brakes, including air brakes. 6. All floats and trailers must use safety chains.
- 6. All props on floats and trailers must be properly secured, braced or tied down to prevent movement.
- 7. All floats and trailers must provide adequate safety measures for all riders to prevent falling from platforms.
- 8. No vehicles with defective tires.
- 9. No vehicles with suspension defects.
- 10. No vehicles with visible fuel leaks.
- 11. No overweight vehicles.