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**HERMOSA BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS BUREAU
ANNOUNCES ANNA TREBUNSKAYA AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE
22nd ANNUAL HERMOSA BEACH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
*St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Saturday, March 12th at 11 a.m.***

(HERMOSA BEACH, CA) The Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau (HBCCVB) is proud to announce that world-famous dancer Anna Trebunskaya is the Grand Marshal for the 22nd Annual Hermosa Beach Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 12th beginning at 11 a.m.

Anna, who captured television fame in 2006 as an instructor on "Dancing With The Stars," owns You Can Dance ballroom studio with her mother Irina in Hermosa Beach and is elated to be the Chamber's honored guest this year.

"I'm super excited about the parade!" said Anna, who is also a Hermosa Beach resident. "It's wonderful to have an opportunity to get all the Hermosa Beach community together, and for me to represent You Can Dance studio in this St Patrick's Parade".

Anna began dancing at age 6 in her native country of Russia inside her parents' dance studio. At age 7, she won her first dance competition and has been dancing ever since. When Anna turned 17, she moved to the USA to further pursue her dance career in New York City. She won the USA Amateur Youth Standard Championships in 1998, and two years later she moved to California to dance competitively.

In addition to performing 11 seasons on the hit show DWTS, Anna has been involved with various live stage productions such as the popular "Forever Tango" and "Dancing with a Twist." She also hosts "Hot Ballroom Night," which had its inaugural performance and competition event in Hermosa Beach last fall. Throughout her career, she has captured numerous accolades such as being named the International Grand Ball Champion, U.K. Championships International Grand Ball Champion and USA Rising Star Latin Champion. Anna has been featured in several publications including *People*, *US Weekly*, *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue*, *Shape*, *InTouch* and *Runway*.

Joining Anna in this year's parade is Hermosa Beach resident Vera Jimenez, KTLA's meteorologist and traffic reporter. Vera will be announcing the parade at the grand stand located on Pier Plaza. Sponsors of the 2016 parade include Kinecta Credit Union, Athens Services and Chevron.

More than 100 local businesses, civic organizations and school marching bands will take part in the seven block parade down the beautifully restored Pier Avenue. The Irish theme of Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by the many participants in the festivities including bagpipers from the Emerald Society, floats, horses and four-legged friends from the Irish Setters Club of Southern California.

The parade begins at the staging area near City Hall on Valley Drive, makes a left onto Pier Avenue and ends at the corner of Hermosa Avenue and 10th Street.

In what has become a popular tradition in Hermosa Beach, the parade draws more than 15,000 spectators and participants who come to enjoy the family affair as well as the great dining, shopping and beautiful beach weather that Hermosa Beach has to offer.

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