

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AND
RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN IRELAND AND
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Burke, Euer, Cano, Raptakis, Lawson, Ujifusa, Picard, Murray,
Sosnowski, and F. Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 16, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On March 17th, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick,
2 the Patron Saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with men, women and children of all ethnic
3 origins who, for one day, all are considered honorary Irish and may celebrate Saint Patrick and
4 love of Ireland; and

5 WHEREAS, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear green live in the spirit of Saints
6 Patrick, Brigid and Colmcille whose Anniversary as patron saints is celebrated annually; and

7 WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to Rhode Island helped form the cultural foundation of our
8 State, and Rhode Islanders of Irish lineage today proudly sing of their roots in Ballinamore and
9 Ballinasloe, in Ennistymon and Enniscorthy, in Cahirciveen and Castlebarr, and in Skibbereen
10 and Skerries; and

11 WHEREAS, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of
12 battle: the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle; and the
13 lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal; and

14 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has always had a strong history of American Irish relations
15 and the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus in 2021, with its aim of
16 fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship that exists between the United States of
17 America and Ireland is of mutual benefit to both countries with leadership in all 50 states; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby commemorates the

1 celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the Ancient Order of
4 Hibernians, Rhode Island.

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