

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 6

By: Boren

A Resolution observing the long friendship between Oklahoma and Ireland; commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day; commemorating diplomatic relations between Ireland and the United States; commemorating economic relations between Ireland and Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and Ireland have enjoyed a long friendship that predates Oklahoma's statehood and Ireland's independence; and

WHEREAS, Ireland commemorated the gift of \$170.00 of the Choctaw people, during the Irish famine, a fortune at the time, especially after enduring their own hardships, in order to help the Irish people, with the dedication of the Kindred Spirits sculpture, featuring a circle of eagle feathers, in County Cork in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation unveiled on August 30, 2024, as a tribute to their connection with Ireland, the Eternal Heart sculpture, depicting a Celtic Trinity knot intertwined with a heart; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 Oklahoma established Oklahoma Ireland Trade Commission for Oklahoma business and industry to benefit from Ireland's position with the European trade market; and

WHEREAS, many Oklahomans have Irish ancestry and continue to preserve the culture through festivals and celebrations, particularly in March, including the Tulsa Irish Fest, ShamROCK the Gardens in Oklahoma City, and the Stockyards St. Patrick's Parade, as well as other events throughout the state in honor of the Patron Saint of Ireland and in celebration of Irish heritage; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma joins other states throughout the country in celebrating diplomatic relations between Ireland and the United States, which officially began on October 7, 1924.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate recognizes the state's long history of friendship and diplomatic relationships with Ireland.

THAT the Oklahoma Senate commemorates March 17 as St. Patrick's Day.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Senator Mark Daly, Chair of the Senate of Ireland; and the Oklahoma American Irish State Legislators Caucus.

Adopted by the Senate the 17th day of March, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____

day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____