

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE  
RESOLUTION 6

By: Boren

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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