
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 23 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, BLAKE, REGAN, SABATINA, MCGARRIGLE,
TARTAGLIONE, ARGALL, GREENLEAF, BROWNE, DINNIMAN, FONTANA,
MARTIN, WARD AND WHITE, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, FEBRUARY 8, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2017 as "Irish American Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On March 17, 2017, the Irish community in this
4 Commonwealth is celebrating the feast of the glorious Apostle of
5 Ireland, Saint Patrick; and

6 WHEREAS, Fleeing political, religious and racial persecution
7 in their homeland, Irish immigrants arrived on our shores
8 penniless and unwanted, yet filled with hope that America held a
9 future in which they and their children would enjoy the
10 bountiful fruits of a nation founded upon the principles of
11 liberty and justice for all; and

12 WHEREAS, In every phase of our national history, Irish
13 Americans have taken their place at the forefront in the
14 political, economic, religious, social and artistic fields; and

15 WHEREAS, Their contribution to the welfare of this
16 Commonwealth is immeasurable and unflinching; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2017

1 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and extend
2 its felicitations and best wishes to the Irish community in this
3 Commonwealth on this occasion; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to The
5 Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Day Observance
6 Association.