



SPONSOR: Rep. Lynn & Sen. Walsh

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT AND CELEBRATION
OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement was signed April 10, 1998, ending the violent conflict in Ulster known
2 as the Troubles; and

3 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a
4 political framework to address its future; and

5 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the right of differing political traditions to pursue their
6 goals of remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish Unity; and

7 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement demonstrated democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences.
8 We recognize the British and Irish Governments' ongoing support and implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. It is
9 the irrevocable foundation of the peace process, regardless of the United Kingdom's status regarding the European Union;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the peace talks were chaired by former US Senator George J Mitchell; and

12 WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the United States came together to support the Good Friday
13 Agreement; and

14 WHEREAS, there are people alive on the island of Ireland today because of the continuous bipartisan support for
15 the Good Friday Agreement over the last 25 years of State Legislators, successive United States Presidents, the United
16 States Senate, United States House of Representatives, and elected officials working in partnership with the Government of
17 the United Kingdom and the Government of Ireland; and

18 WHEREAS, despite the historic progress of the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements, important
19 issues remain unresolved in Northern Ireland, including securing justice for victims of state-sponsored violence and other
20 violence and providing for the rights of all sections of the community; and

21 WHEREAS, on the 17th of March during the annual celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of
22 Ireland, Irish Americans invite men, women, and children of all ethnic origins, to become honorary Irish for the day to
23 celebrate Saint Patrick; and

24 WHEREAS, this year we also celebrate and give thanks for the 25th Anniversary of The Good Friday Agreement;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F Meagher who
27 embodied the special connection between Ireland and The United States of America. Starting life in Ireland and dying at
28 age 43 as acting governor of Montana.

29 NOW, THEREFORE:

30 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly, the Senate concurring
31 therein, commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, the
32 Patron Saint of Ireland, and the special relationship between Ireland and the United States.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement and celebrates St. Patrick's Day.