

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 3

By: Boren

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution celebrating the flag of Ireland, St.
8 Patrick's Day, and the 25th anniversary of the Good
9 Friday Agreement; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, April 10, 2023, will mark the 25th anniversary of the
12 Good Friday Agreement, which is historic progress and a considerable
13 success despite outstanding issues in Northern Ireland; and

14 WHEREAS, there are Irish people alive today because of
15 continuous bipartisan support for the Good Friday Agreement by state
16 legislators, United States presidents, the U.S. Senate, U.S. House
17 of Representatives, and elected officials through partnerships with
18 the governments of the United Kingdom and Ireland; and

19 WHEREAS, we honor and give thanks for the Good Friday Agreement,
20 the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland, on the historic
21 anniversary of its ratification; and

22 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represented a landmark
23 breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political framework to
24 address its future and pursue its goals of remaining part of the

1 U.K. or of Irish unity, and acknowledged the right of differing
2 political traditions; and

3 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements
4 demonstrated democratic and peaceful resolution of differences. We
5 recognize the British and Irish governments' ongoing support and
6 implementation of this agreement. It is the irrevocable foundation
7 of the peace process regardless of the U.K.'s status regarding the
8 European Union; and

9 WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the U.S. came
10 together to support the Good Friday Agreement; and

11 WHEREAS, March 17 marks the annual celebration of the feast of
12 Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Irish Americans join
13 with people of all ethnic origins for this celebration; and

14 WHEREAS, 2023 also marks the 175th anniversary of the first
15 flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F. Meagher, who embodied the
16 links between Ireland and the U.S.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
18 OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate celebrates the flag of Ireland as
20 a symbol of the link between the U.S. and Ireland and celebrates it
21 as a symbol of peace, and also celebrates St. Patrick's Day and the
22 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement.

23 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Oklahoma's
24 Congressional delegation, and it is requested they inform themselves

1 about the bipartisan resolution in Congress regarding Ireland, the
2 Good Friday Agreement, and the Irish peace process.

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