

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

HOUSE
RESOLUTION 1010

By: Bennett

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, a tribute to their connection with Ireland, the Eternal Heart

1 sculpture, depicting a Celtic Trinity knot intertwined with a heart;
2 and

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

6 WHEREAS, many Oklahomans have Irish ancestry and continue to
7 celebrate that culture through festivals and celebrations,
8 particularly in March, including the Tulsa Irish Fest, ShamROCK the
9 Gardens in Oklahoma City, and the Stockyards St. Patrick's Parade,
10 as well as other celebrations throughout the state; and

11 WHEREAS, all Oklahomans are Irish on March 17, St. Patrick's
12 Day, honoring the Patron Saint of Ireland and celebrating Irish
13 heritage; and

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

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

19 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the
20 state's long history of friendship and diplomatic relationships with
21 Ireland.

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commemorates March 17
23 as St. Patrick's Day.

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

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