



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 7, 1994

COUNCILLOR WALSH
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: Among the hazards of living in a throw away culture such as ours is the often cold shortsightedness with which we treat history, historical events and the persons who were part of them. Tending to think that the present is all there is, we toss aside the past. By doing so, we lose; and

WHEREAS: This tendency is particularly evident in our treatment of the history of the Irish people who emigrated from Ireland to America between 1845 and 1855. In two waves of emigration, one quarter of the entire Irish population left the homeland in search of survival and a better life in America. It was a type of journey that the timid never start and the weak die along the way. Many did not complete the journey. Those who did, strong in conviction and courage, began what continues to be a chapter in the history of hope in the face of harassment, help in the face of hurt and humor in the face of humiliation; and

WHEREAS: That not only was the welcome mat not rolled out but was rolled up by the panderers of prejudice into whose neighborhoods the Irish arrived is clearly indicated by Doris Kearns Goodwin when she writes, "Of all the immigrant nationalities in Boston, the Irish fared the least well, beginning at a lower rung and rising more slowly on the economic and social ladder than any other group." They knew what it was to be not only looked at but looked down at. It was now that many years ago when those in search of jobs were greeted with the sign, "Irish need not apply;" and

WHEREAS: Deep in their roots, these Irish immigrants were a people of faith and a faithful people. They took pride in their work and they were proud to work. They knew, as many in our day still know, what it was to be victimized by the politics of exclusion at the hands of the so-called "better" people, the elite who, because these newly arrived were different, they judged them to be inferior and treated them accordingly; and

WHEREAS: This City Council desires to express its recognition and respect for this legacy of life of the Irish immigrant community in the past and the continued vitality of its beliefs and values in the lives of residents of Irish descent in the city of Cambridge today by declaring Thursday, March 17, 1994 to be **IRISH HERITAGE DAY IN CAMBRIDGE**; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council, in recognition and respect to those of Irish heritage in Cambridge, designates March, 1994, to be **IRISH HERITAGE MONTH IN CAMBRIDGE**. Further, that His Honor, the Mayor, arrange that a sign expressing this designation be prepared and displayed on the front law of City Hall from March 10 through March 17, 1994, special days in the lives of those with Irish heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a duly engrossed copy of this resolution and transmit same to the Irish Consul General in Boston on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 7, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

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Reeves, Russell, Sullivan, Looney
Consent Order #24
Born, Klinehay, Myers,
Councillor Walsh re: resolution
on Irish Heritage Month.
Triantafillon R-144

Order Adopted

In City Council,

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