

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2003-4637, by Representatives Ahern, McDermott, Delvin, Chase, Armstrong, McMorris, Buck, Cairnes, Roach, Holmquist, Ericksen, Sullivan, Pettigrew, Pearson, Woods, Nixon, Clements, Priest, McMahan, Skinner, Schoesler, Mielke, Mastin, Chandler, Condotta, Shabro, Cox, Alexander, Schindler, Boldt, Crouse, Orcutt, Kirby, Upthegrove, Flannigan, Eickmeyer, Cooper, Wood, Berkey, McIntire, Dunshee, Kenney, Chopp, Conway, Murray, Hunter, Lovick, Dickerson, Romero, Kessler, Veloria, Haigh, Quall, O'Brien, Lantz, Anderson, Bailey, Benson, Blake, Bush, Campbell, Carrell, Clibborn, Cody, Darneille, DeBolt, Edwards, Fromhold, Gombosky, Grant, Hankins, Hatfield, Hinkle, Hudgins, Hunt, Jarrett, Kagi, Kristiansen, Linville, McCoy, McDonald, Miloscia, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Newhouse, Pflug, Rockefeller, Ruderman, Santos, Schual-Berke, Sehlin, Simpson, Sommers, Sump, Talcott, Tom and Wallace

WHEREAS, Our society has been enriched by the immigration of countless people, whose experience and successes have added to the diversity of our nations' culture and the building of our state's community; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants played a major role in the settling of the Northwest and the founding of communities where they aspired to leadership positions and helped forge what would become the distinct culture of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The struggles and successes of Saint Patrick demonstrate integrity, perseverance, and honor, qualities that the Irish people embrace and that serve as a model for all Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, Our Emerald City of Seattle parallels not only in name, but also in social value, the historic example of cultural prowess the Emerald Isle has demonstrated to the world; and

WHEREAS, In addition to our Irish population, Washington shares many characteristics with Ireland, including the prominent Irish green of our flag and our famed potatoes that constitute over twenty percent of our nation's potato crop; and

WHEREAS, The wild March weather in Olympia creates rainbows that with any bit o' Irish luck will end in that elusive pot of gold, which in this time of financial woes might be a wee bit helpful; and

WHEREAS, The establishment of Limerick, Ireland, as the sister city of Spokane is a model for the expansion of ties with Ireland and a tribute to our region's expanded connection to the Irish; and

WHEREAS, Eloquence is a trait invaluable to the legislative process, and since eloquence, as legend has it, can be obtained from kissing the Blarney Stone, the Stone could be a helpful destination for all elected officials and public speakers everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the contributions of Irish Americans to the history and culture of Washington State and encourage all the citizens of Washington State to join in celebrating Saint Patrick's Day in honor of all those of Irish descent who proudly call the EverGREEN state their home.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4637 adopted by the House of Representatives
March 17, 2003

Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk