## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 296

Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, BLAKE, WILEY, GREENLEAF, McGARRIGLE, WOZNIAK, DINNIMAN, ARGALL, FARNESE, YUDICHAK, WARD, WHITE, SABATINA, BROWNE, HUTCHINSON, TEPLITZ, COSTA, MENSCH, FONTANA, BAKER, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE AND McILHINNEY, MARCH 14, 2016

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 14, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

- Designating the month of March 2016 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.
- 3 WHEREAS, On March 17, 2016, the Irish community in this
- 4 Commonwealth is celebrating the occasion of the feast of the
- 5 glorious Apostle of Ireland, Saint Patrick; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Fleeing political, religious and racial persecution
- 7 in their homeland, Irish immigrants arrived on our shores
- 8 penniless and unwanted, yet filled with hope that America held a
- 9 future in which they and their children would enjoy the
- 10 bountiful fruits of a nation founded upon the principles of
- 11 liberty and justice for all; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In every phase of our national history, Irish
- 13 Americans have taken their place at the forefront in the
- 14 political, economic, religious, social and artistic fields; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Their contribution to the good and welfare of this
- 16 Commonwealth is immeasurable and unflinching; therefore be it

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of March 2016
- 2 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and extend
- 3 its felicitations and best wishes to the Irish community in this
- 4 Commonwealth on this occasion; and be it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to
- 6 Francis J. Moran, Esq., The Society of the Friendly Sons of St.
- 7 Patrick, P.O. Box 969, Dublin, Pennsylvania 18917; Stephen M.
- 8 Hladick, Esq., Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, 425 W. Main Street,
- 9 Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446-0029; and Bob Gessler, St.
- 10 Patrick's Day Observance Association, P.O. Box 40744,
- 11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.