
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 655 Session of
2010

INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, WANSACZ, BEYER, BOYLE, BRENNAN, BRIGGS,
CALTAGIRONE, DAY, FAIRCHILD, FREEMAN, GEIST, GEORGE,
GINGRICH, GRUCELA, HARHART, HARKINS, HARPER, HELM, JOHNSON,
W. KELLER, KORTZ, LENTZ, LONGIETTI, MAHER, MAJOR, MANN,
MARKOSEK, MATZIE, MCGEEHAN, MICOZZIE, M. O'BRIEN, PHILLIPS,
QUINN, READSHAW, REICHLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SEIP,
SIPTROTH, STABACK, STERN, THOMAS, TURZAI AND YUDICHAK,
MARCH 5, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH
5, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of March 2010 as "Hibernian Heritage
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest Irish
4 Catholic organization in America, was founded concurrently in
5 New York and Pennsylvania in May 1836; and

6 WHEREAS, Their roots can be traced back 300 years earlier
7 when their ancestors risked their lives to keep the Irish
8 language, culture and Roman Catholic religion alive in their
9 beloved Ireland; and

10 WHEREAS, The twin goals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
11 are to assist in the reunification of Ireland and promote Irish
12 culture; and

13 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians seeks to aid the
14 newly arrived Irish, both economically and socially, and is

1 among the first to welcome new Irish immigrants to the United
2 States; and

3 WHEREAS, There are more than 80,000 members of the Hibernians
4 in 46 states, Canada and Ireland; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lackawanna County Board of Ancient Order of
6 Hibernians oversees the six divisions of Hibernians across the
7 length and breadth of Lackawanna County that has more than 450
8 members; and

9 WHEREAS, Those six honorable divisions that do good works are
10 named as follows: John F. Kennedy, division one of Scranton;
11 Msgr. William Farrell, division two of Carbondale; The O'Neill
12 Brothers, division three of Minooka; Paul Hook O'Malley,
13 division four of West Scranton; Firefighter Joseph Flannery,
14 division five of Taylor; and Father Patrick D. Healey, division
15 six of Scranton; and

16 WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Lackawanna County
17 supports a multitude of charities, such as the Women's Resource
18 Center, multiple myeloma cancer research and various food
19 pantries; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
21 month of March 2010 as "Hibernian Heritage Month" in
22 Pennsylvania.