

Public Law 102-469
102d Congress

Joint Resolution

Designating March 1993 as "Irish-American Heritage Month".

Oct. 23, 1992
[H.J. Res. 500]

- Whereas by 1776 nearly 300,000 natives of Ireland had emigrated to the colonies that would become the United States;
- Whereas following the victory at Yorktown over the English, a French Major General reported that the Congress owed its existence, and America possibly owed its preservation, to the fidelity of the Irish;
- Whereas at least 8 signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish origin;
- Whereas 18 Presidents have proudly proclaimed their Irish-American heritage;
- Whereas 200 years ago, Irish-born James Hoban and Irish immigrants assisted in the construction of the United States Capitol;
- Whereas 190 years ago, Irish-born John Barry was the first naval hero of the American Revolution and became known as the "Father of the United States Navy";
- Whereas 180 years ago, Commodore Oliver Perry, an Irish-American, achieved his major naval victory in the Battle of Lake Erie;
- Whereas 50 years ago, the USS Sullivan was commissioned as a naval memorial to the famed Irish-American Sullivan brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice for democracy and freedom in the world; and
- Whereas the Governors and mayors of 37 States and cities have designated March 1993 as "Irish-American Heritage Month":
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 1993 is designated as "Irish-American Heritage Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling

upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 23, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 500 (S.J. Res. 330):

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