

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1716

A RESOLUTION commemorating the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

WHEREAS, On March 17, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, Irish Americans join with people of all other ethnic origins in celebrating Saint Patrick and demonstrating a mutual love for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who celebrate live in the spirit of Saint Patrick, Saint Bridget and Saint Colmcille, the latter of whose 1500th birthday was celebrated in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants in the United States helped form the cultural foundation of the nation, and those of Irish lineage today proudly sing support for Ireland; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the establishment of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus, which has leadership in all 50 states, and we applaud its aim of fostering and strengthening the longstanding relationship between the United States and Ireland for the mutual benefit of both countries; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of Ireland celebrates its 101st anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love, the joyous songs of battle, the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and glories that are the Emerald Isle, the lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy in the life eternal: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we commemorate the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That we honor the Good Friday Agreement, on the 25th anniversary of its ratification, as the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send each an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chair of the American Irish State Legislature Caucus, Senator Mark Daly, the 24th Chair of the Senate of Ireland and Senator O'Shea.**

Senate Resolution No. 1716 was sponsored by Senator Kristen O'Shea.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.