

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 1, 2023 "IRISH-AMERICAN DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, there are approximately thirty-one million five
6 hundred thousand Irish Americans in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the story of Irish Americans has always been
8 one of strength and perseverance through adversity; and

9 WHEREAS, many Irish immigrants arrived on America's
10 shores to escape the great famine, embraced their new home
11 and helped build the nation into what it is today; and

12 WHEREAS, approximately seven percent of New Mexico
13 residents claim Irish heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, many Irish Americans have made impacts on New
15 Mexican culture; and

16 WHEREAS, Stephen Watts Kearney, born to parents of Irish
17 descent, used diplomacy rather than arms to defeat Mexican
18 troops en route to Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, Henry McCarty, also known as "Billy the Kid",
20 also born to Irish parents, has roots in Lincoln and Chaves
21 counties and was later buried at Fort Sumner; and

22 WHEREAS, Sister Catherine Mellon moved to Santa Fe to
23 act as a nurse for Irish troops and founded St. Vincent
24 hospital and orphanage and St. Elizabeth shelter for the
25 homeless, both still in service today; and

1 WHEREAS, Georgia O'Keeffe, the "mother of American
2 modernism", was known for her landscapes of New Mexico;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 1, 2023
5 be declared "Irish-American Day" in the house of
6 representatives; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this day be a celebration of
8 all Irish Americans and their contributions to the nation's
9 culture; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the Irish-American society of New Mexico. _____

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