

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 71

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 18, 1996

By Assemblyman KELLY

- 1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION declaring the month of March 1996 as "Irish  
2 History Month" in the State of New Jersey in recognition of the  
3 accomplishments of Irish Americans and their contributions to the history  
4 of this nation and State.  
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- 6 WHEREAS, Irish-Americans have contributed immeasurably to the history and  
7 culture of this country and State; and  
8 WHEREAS, The ancestors of Irish New Jerseyans came to these shores  
9 seeking political and religious freedom and economic opportunity, and to  
10 escape the grinding poverty, political oppression and religious persecution  
11 of their native land; and  
12 WHEREAS, With tremendous determination, strength and risk to their lives, the  
13 Irish, working at slave wages, helped build the canals and railroads of this  
14 country and toiled as servants and in the sweatshops of our cities; and  
15 WHEREAS, These new immigrants struggled to overcome rampant prejudice  
16 while building new and better lives for themselves and their families; and  
17 WHEREAS, Despite these bitter obstacles, many nameless Irish became fervent  
18 patriots, fighting and dying for this country in all wars, and especially at the  
19 battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg; and  
20 WHEREAS, The Irish have become successful leaders in all areas of American  
21 life: in politics, law, the labor movement, business, the arts, and  
22 entertainment; now, therefore,  
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- 24 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:  
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- 26 1. This House declares the month of March 1996 to be "Irish History  
27 Month" in the State of New Jersey, and urges all citizens of this State to  
28 participate appropriately in its observance.  
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- 30 2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the Speaker of  
31 the General Assembly and attested by the Clerk, shall be transmitted to Helen  
32 McClafferty of the Irish Action Coalition; Tom Drury, President of the  
33 Emerald Society of New Jersey; and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Irish Echo*.  
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