

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

PROCLAMATION

IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

March 2010

WHEREAS, Irish Americans have long enjoyed a rich and proud history throughout our commonwealth and nation; and

WHEREAS, fleeing from the atrocities of poverty, famine, and the political oppression of their beloved native land, Irish immigrants turned hopeful eyes toward the promising shores of America; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the irrepressible spirit of their patron saint, Saint Patrick, Irish Americans dedicated themselves to the development of this nation and the establishment of their legacy upon its history; and

WHEREAS, those of Irish descent have significantly contributed to the rich history, cultural diversity, and national identity of our country and we, as citizens and communities, must take time to fully recognize and appreciate these invaluable contributions.

THEREFORE, In special recognition of the important role Irish Americans have played in the enrichment of all aspects of life in our communities, our commonwealth, and our nation, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2010 IRISH HERITAGE MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to celebrate the richness of the Irish American culture and recognize its prominence in our American identity.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

Edward G. Rendell

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor

