

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 8, 2023 "ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND THE
3 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT DAY" IN
4 THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Good Friday
7 Agreement has been reached, and while there are still some
8 outstanding issues, the agreement has been a considerable
9 success; and

10 WHEREAS, there are people on the island of Ireland today
11 who benefited from the continuous bipartisan support for the
12 Good Friday Agreement over the last twenty-five years of
13 state legislators, successive United States presidents, the
14 United States senate, the United States house of
15 representatives and elected officials working in partnership
16 with the government of the United Kingdom and the government
17 of Ireland; and

18 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement is honored on this
19 year of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its ratification as
20 the framework for lasting peace in Northern Ireland; and

21 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement represented a
22 landmark breakthrough that provided Ireland with a political
23 framework to address its future; and

24 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement acknowledged the
25 right of differing political traditions to pursue their goals

1 of remaining part of the United Kingdom or of Irish unity;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement demonstrated
4 democratic and peaceful means of resolving differences,
5 recognizing the British and Irish governments' ongoing
6 support and implementation of the Good Friday Agreement; and

7 WHEREAS, the Good Friday Agreement is the irrevocable
8 foundation of the peace process regardless of the United
9 Kingdom's status regarding the European Union; and

10 WHEREAS, despite the historic progress of the Good
11 Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements, important issues
12 remain unresolved in Northern Ireland, including securing
13 justice for victims of state-sponsored violence and other
14 violence and providing for the rights of all sections of the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, members of both political parties in the
17 United States came together to support the Good Friday
18 Agreement; and

19 WHEREAS, on the seventeenth of March during the annual
20 celebration of the feast of Saint Patrick, the patron saint
21 of Ireland, Irish Americans join with men, women and children
22 of all ethnic origins and for one day become Irish and
23 celebrate Saint Patrick; and

24 WHEREAS, this year, there is also celebration and thanks
25 for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Good Friday

1 Agreement;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 8, 2023 be declared
4 "St. Patrick's Day and the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the
5 Good Friday Agreement Day" in the senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the flag of Ireland be
7 recognized as a symbol of the link between the United States
8 and Ireland and be celebrated as a symbol of peace; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the chair of the American Irish state
11 legislators caucus.

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