

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 17, 2025 "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 Kearny, 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 Mary de Sales Deheney, an Irish
23 immigrant and member of the sisters of charity, was the first
24 woman licensed as a doctor in the territory of New Mexico;
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1 WHEREAS, Georgia O'Keeffe, one of the most significant
2 artists of the twentieth century, whose father was of Irish
3 descent, was inspired by New Mexico landscape and culture
4 before making New Mexico her permanent home;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 17,
7 2025 be declared "Irish-American Day" in the house of
8 representatives; and

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

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

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