

# The Massachusetts State Senate



## Resolutions

### CONGRATULATING VISITING MASTER CHEFS FROM IRELAND FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN IRISH CULINARY CULTURAL EVENTS.

**WHEREAS**, THE COMMONWEALTH, WITH 23 PER CENT OF ITS RESIDENTS CLAIMING IRISH ANCESTRY, HAS THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE MOST IRISH AMERICAN STATE IN THE COUNTRY; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COMMONWEALTH'S IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS A DISTINGUISHED TRADITION OF CELEBRATING SAINT PATRICK'S DAY, DATING BACK TO MARCH 17, 1737, WHEN THE CHARITABLE IRISH SOCIETY OF BOSTON, WHICH WAS FORMED TO ASSIST FELLOW CITIZENS IN NEED, HELD THE FIRST IRISH COMMEMORATION IN THE 13 COLONIES; AND

**WHEREAS**, IRISH GROUPS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH ARE ORGANIZING CONCERTS, DANCES, LITERARY READINGS, ART EXHIBITS, SPORTING EVENTS, COMMEMORATIONS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS DESIGNED TO CELEBRATE IRISH HERITAGE, HISTORY AND CULTURE; AND

**WHEREAS**, SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADES WILL TAKE PLACE IN SOUTH BOSTON, ABINGTON, CAPE COD, HOLYOKE, LAWRENCE, SCITUATE AND WORCESTER TO CELEBRATE THE COMMONWEALTH'S IRISH HERITAGE AND TO ENCOURAGE TOURISM IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE BOSTON IRISH TOURISM ASSOCIATION, THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM AND TOURISM IRELAND HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN TRAVEL AND TOURISM TIES BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND IRELAND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY PROMOTING THE COMMON CELTIC BONDS AND ORGANIZING AN IRISH FOOD AND CULTURE WEEK TO BE HELD IN MARCH 2009; AND

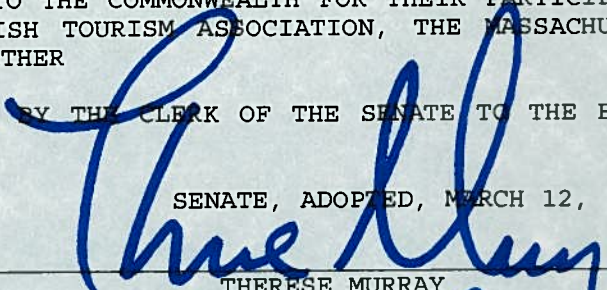
**WHEREAS**, TWO MASTER CHEFS FROM IRELAND, GERARD REIDY AND KEVIN CLEARY, WILL VISIT THE COMMONWEALTH BETWEEN MARCH 11 AND 19, 2009, TO PARTICIPATE IN A MOVEABLE FEAST OF GAELIC GOURMET GALAS ALONGSIDE THEIR FELLOW CHEFS, BARBARA LYNCH, RACHEL KLEIN AND JAMES TIERNEY, AT THE SEAPORT HOTEL BOSTON, JURYS BOSTON HOTEL AND OTHER VENUES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THESE CULINARY AND CULTURAL EVENTS ARE MEANT TO PORTRAY THE MOST POSITIVE AND ILLUSTRIOUS ASPECTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS IRISH COMMUNITY; NOW THEREFORE BE IT


**RESOLVED**, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATE HEREBY JOINS THE BOSTON IRISH TOURISM ASSOCIATION IN CONGRATULATING AND WELCOMING THE VISITING CHEFS FROM IRELAND TO THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN IRISH FOOD AND CULTURE WEEK, ORGANIZED BY THE BOSTON IRISH TOURISM ASSOCIATION, THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM AND TOURISM IRELAND; AND BE IT FURTHER

**RESOLVED**, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE FORWARDED BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE BOSTON IRISH TOURISM ASSOCIATION.

SENATE, ADOPTED, MARCH 12, 2009.

  
THERESE MURRAY  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
WILLIAM F. WELCH  
CLERK OF THE SENATE

OFFERED BY:  
  
SENATOR JOHN A. HART, JR.

