

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4646, by Representative P. Sullivan

WHEREAS, Washington State has been enriched by the immigration of people from every continent, and their experience and successes have added to the strength and diversity of communities in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS, Irish immigrants played a major role in the settling of the Northwest and the founding of communities; and

WHEREAS, The struggles and successes of Saint Patrick demonstrate integrity, perseverance, and honor, qualities that the Irish people embrace and that serve as a model for all Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, In addition to our Irish population, Washington shares many characteristics with Ireland, including the prominent Irish green of our flag and our famed potatoes that constitute over twenty percent of our nation's potato crop; and

WHEREAS, Irish-Americans played a key role in Washington State's history and continue to hold key leadership roles from local city councils to the House of Representatives and Senate; and

WHEREAS, Eloquence is a trait invaluable to the legislative process, and since eloquence, as legend has it, can be obtained from kissing the Blarney Stone, a helpful destination for all elected officials and public speakers everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the contributions of Irish-Americans to the history and culture of Washington State and encourage all the citizens of Washington State to join in celebrating Saint Patrick's Day in honor of all those of Irish descent who proudly call the Evergreen State their home.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4646 adopted by the House of Representatives
April 4, 2005

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk