

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050206)

RESOLUTION

Honoring the St. Patrick's Day Observance Association of Philadelphia and Proclaiming the month of March as "Irish Month" in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Observance Day Association, founded in 1952, continues to be the proud sponsor and organizer of Philadelphia's St. Patrick's Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, The theme of this year's parade is "St. Patrick, Make us a Eucharistic People," which is keeping with the theme that Pope John Paul II has designated for the year 2005; and

WHEREAS, This non-profit association sponsors the St. Patrick's Day on an annual basis and this parade continues to be the largest of any parade held in Philadelphia with well over 20,000 participants; and

WHEREAS, The Irish in Philadelphia celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a parade as early as 1771, making this the 2nd oldest parade in the United States, topped only by the New York City celebration; and

WHEREAS, This year's parade, which will be held on Sunday, March 13, will be preceded by a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Justin Rigali, at St. Patrick's Church, 20th & Locust streets at 9:30 A.M. The parade will kick off at 11:30 A.M. at Broad & Washington streets; and

WHEREAS, This Council extends our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Vincent Gallagher, the Grand Marshall of the 2005 parade; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADLEPHIA, That we honor the St. Patrick's Day Observance Association of Philadelphia and proclaiming the month of March as "Irish Month" in the City of Philadelphia.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Leonard J. Armstrong, President of the St. Patrick's Observance Day Association, as evidence of the sincere sentiments and recognition of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth of March, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kenney, O'Neill, Kelly, Mariano and DiCicco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, O'Neill, Kelly, Mariano, DiCicco, Rizzo, Clarke, Tasco, Blackwell, Goode and Reynolds Brown