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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**URGING ALL STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITIES TO SUPPORT  
PEACEFUL ACTIONS FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF IRELAND**

Introduced By: Senators Connors, Goodwin, McCaffrey, McBurney, and Doyle

Date Introduced: June 10, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Ireland and its people are an ancient and distinct nation; and

2           WHEREAS, Ireland is an island nation that has throughout its history been comprised of  
3 32 counties artificially divided into a 26-county region (the Irish Republic) and a 6-county unit  
4 (Northern Ireland) in the 1920s; and

5           WHEREAS, This artificial, forced division of the Irish nation was designed to be a  
6 transitory answer; and

7           WHEREAS, History has demonstrated that the Irish people have the right and  
8 responsibility to govern themselves; and

9           WHEREAS, Human and civic rights derive “their just powers from the consent of the  
10 governed” and are best guaranteed by a peoples’ freely instituted, duly elected, and independent  
11 government; and

12           Whereas, The Irish Republic is a member of the European Economic Union, and a  
13 unified, independent Irish economy is the most effective way for that economy to grow and the  
14 most fair and impartial path to extend the benefits of such growth to all Ireland; and

15           WHEREAS, A unified, independent Irish Police Service and Justice System is necessary  
16 to be effective, fair, and impartial; and

17           WHEREAS, A unified, independent Irish Society is most likely to provide for the social  
18 and practical needs of its people; and

19           WHEREAS, The historic Good Friday Agreement, negotiated with American support and

1 ratified by the British and Irish governments, as well as a vote of the entire island of Ireland,  
2 includes provisions for achieving a United Ireland through purely Democratic and peaceful means  
3 and provides for the development of North/South Institutions and cross-border cooperation; now,  
4 therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
6 Plantations hereby strongly supports Irish Unification and urges all State and Federal entities of  
7 these great United States to support all peaceful actions that support final reunification of the  
8 island of Ireland by all electoral and diplomatic means necessary; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the  
11 United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, and Governor Donald L. Carcieri.

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