



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 129

February 20, 2024 - Introduced by Representatives VOS, MURPHY and DOYLE,
cosponsored by Senator QUINN. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** celebrating the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between
2 Ireland and the United States.

3 Whereas, on October 7, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge accepted the
4 credentials of Timothy Smiddy as Minister Plenipotentiary of the Irish Free State;
5 and

6 Whereas, as Smiddy noted in his address to President Coolidge, the United
7 States became the first nation to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Irish
8 Free State after its long struggle for existence; and

9 Whereas, Smiddy also noted that “there will always exist between the United
10 States and the Irish Free State feelings of deep friendship and high esteem”; and

11 Whereas, this prediction has proven true, as the two nations now celebrate a
12 century of mutual support and admiration; and

13 Whereas, Americans’ ancestral ties to Ireland form the bedrock of this
14 relationship, with nearly one in 10 Americans—and more than 20 U.S.
15 presidents—claiming Irish forebears; and

1 Whereas, Irish immigrants' contributions throughout American history, from
2 raising skyscrapers to completing the transcontinental railroad, have also enriched
3 this relationship; and

4 Whereas, Americans joyously celebrate their ancestral, historical, and cultural
5 connections with Ireland each year on Saint Patrick's Day; and

6 Whereas, the two nations have both prospered economically, with American
7 companies employing over 200,000 people in Ireland and Irish companies employing
8 about 100,000 people in the United States; and

9 Whereas, state legislators seek to further strengthen the United States'
10 relationship with Ireland through the work of the American Irish State Legislators
11 Caucus; and

12 Whereas, the American Irish State Legislators Caucus welcomes anyone who
13 supports Ireland, no matter their ancestry or political affiliation; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
16 Legislature recognizes October 2024 as the 100th anniversary of the diplomatic
17 relations between Ireland and the United States and looks forward to another
18 century of friendly relations between the two nations.

19 **(END)**