

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2011

TO: ALL REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: KEVIN MURPHY, 113th Legislative District
LACKAWANNA COUNTY

RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: MARCH AS HIBERNIAN HERITAGE MONTH
IN PENNSYLVANIA

In the very near future I plan to re-introduce a non-controversial resolution recognizing the month of March 2011 as Hibernian Heritage Month in Pennsylvania.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest Irish Catholic organization in America, was founded concurrently in New York and Pennsylvania in May, 1836. Their roots can be traced back 300 years earlier when their ancestors risked their lives to keep the Irish language, culture and Roman Catholic religion alive in their beloved Ireland.

The twin goals of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are to assist in the reunification of Ireland and promote Irish culture; additionally, it historically gave aid the newly arrived Irish, both economically and socially, and is among the first to welcome new Irish immigrants.

There are over 80,000 members of the Hibernians in 46 states, Canada, and Ireland. The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Lackawanna County, which has over 450 members, supports a multitude of charities, such as the Woman's Resource Center, multiple myeloma cancer research, and various food pantries.

Last session this resolution passed 198-0 on March 9th, 2010; the following Members were co-sponsors of this measure:

**WANSACZ , BEYER , BOYLE , BRENNAN , BRIGGS , CALTAGIRONE , DAY , FAIRCHILD ,
FREEMAN , GEIST , GEORGE ,
GINGRICH , GRUCELA , HARHART , HARKINS , HARPER , HELM , JOHNSON , W. KELLER ,
KORTZ , LENTZ ,
LONGIETTI , MAHER , MAJOR , MANN , MARKOSEK , MATZIE , McGEEHAN , MICOZZIE ,
M. O'BRIEN , PHILLIPS ,
QUINN , READSHAW , REICHLEY , SAINATO , SANTONI , SCAVELLO , SEIP , SIPTROTH ,
STABACK , STERN ,
THOMAS , TURZAI , YUDICHAK , VULAKOVICH , K. SMITH , QUIGLEY , D. COSTA , HESS
and HENNESSEY**

Your co-sponsorship of this legislation is heartily welcomed and invited. Please contact Steph in my office at

shardman@pahouse.net if you wish to sign on. I will be introducing this resolution March 7, 2011—againm, my apologies for the short notice.