



## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 37

March 11, 1997 - Introduced by Representative PLALE, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** celebrating Saint Patrick's Day.

2             Whereas, March 17 is Saint Patrick's Day, a day that memorializes the patron  
3     saint of Ireland and that presents an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments  
4     of natives of Ireland and of Irish-Americans; and

5             Whereas, Saint Patrick's Day has been celebrated in this country since the 18th  
6     century; and

7             Whereas, immigrants from Ireland brought a rich heritage to this state, and by  
8     1850 nearly 5,000 lived in Wisconsin; and

9             Whereas, Many of these early Irish immigrants were farmers, fur traders or  
10    miners; and

11            Whereas, later in the 19th century the Irish Emigrant Aid Society was formed,  
12    and it encouraged natives of Ireland to settle in Wisconsin; and

13            Whereas, among the persons of Irish descent who were prominent in this state  
14    during the 19th century were 3 members of the first constitutional convention, the  
15    first secretary of state (Thomas McHugh), the first attorney general (Henry Baird)  
16    and one of the more important chief justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court  
17    (Edward Ryan); and

