



2005 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 10

March 16, 2005 – Introduced by Representative FREESE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** celebrating March 5, 2005, as St. Piran’s Day.

2 Whereas, March 5 is St. Piran’s Day, a day honoring the patron saint of tin
3 miners; and

4 Whereas, many of the tin miners who came to the Wisconsin Territory, starting
5 in 1827, came from Cornwall, England; and

6 Whereas, the Cornish were the first major foreign immigrant group to come to
7 Wisconsin; and

8 Whereas, the Cornish settled largely in the southwestern part of the state, in
9 what is now Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette counties, to mine lead, using generations of
10 experience in deep, hard-rock mining to bring prosperity to the new territory; and

11 Whereas, a sizeable number of Cornish also settled in and around Palmyra, in
12 southeastern Wisconsin, to farm; and

13 Whereas, the Cornish, who were strongly opposed to slavery, played an
14 important role in the Civil War by constituting a significant part of 2 companies that

1 were formed in Mineral Point, Co. I, known as the Miner's Guard, and Co. E, known
2 as the Farmer's Guard; and

3 Whereas, the traditional Cornish miners' way of life can be experienced today
4 at the Pendarvis historic site in Mineral Point; and

5 Whereas, the considerable skill of Cornish stone masons is still in abundant
6 evidence to all who stroll through the lovely streets of Mineral Point, Linden,
7 Shullsburg, or Platteville to admire the many homes and buildings built by the
8 Cornish; and

9 Whereas, a Midwest Cornish Festival is held in Mineral Point each year, during
10 the last weekend in September, featuring Cornish food, music, dance, and guests
11 from Cornwall; now, therefore, be it

12 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly
13 salute all of the persons of Cornish descent for their tremendous contributions to this
14 state, express appreciation for those persons who have kept alive Cornish culture,
15 tradition, history, and food and join all Wisconsinites who cherish their Cornish
16 heritage in celebrating St. Piran's Day on March 5, 2005.

17 (END)