

RESOLUTION NUMBER 384

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

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

WHEREAS, this artificial, forced division of the Irish Nation was designed to be a transitory answer to the 1920's issues; and

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

WHEREAS, human and civic rights derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed" and are best guaranteed by the people's freely instituted, duly elected and independent government; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the historic Good Friday Agreement, negotiated with American support, and ratified by the English and Irish governments, as well as a vote of the entire island of Ireland, includes provisions for achieving a United Ireland through purely democratic and peaceful means and provides for the development of North/South Institutions and cross-border cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the United States and St. Louis have greatly benefited from the contributions of the sons and daughters of Ireland; and

WHEREAS, the democratic reunification of Ireland is the ultimate roadmap to peace and prosperity for the Irish nation and people; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to call on the English and Irish Governments to take immediate steps necessary to bring to fullness the promises of all the Ireland institutions called for an envisioned by the Good Friday agreement, request the Irish government to formally study the implications of a United Ireland and outline steps fundamental to restore the Irish nation and publicly report their finding and plans, and respectfully suggest that the Irish government move without delay to further the peaceful healing of the Irish nation by granting duly elected Northern MP's "Speaking Rights" in the Irish Parliament and expanding the voting rights for the Irish President to the citizens of the six counties of the North of Ireland and we direct the Clerk of this Board to transmit official copies of this resolution to the St. Louis Ancient Order of Hibernians and the St. Louis Chapter of the Emerald Society and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings.

Introduced on the 12th day of March, 2010 by:

Honorable Stephen J. Conway Alderman 8th Ward
Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 12th day of March, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen