

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: In 1939, a small group of native Irishmen started a club for the Irish in Portland called the All-Ireland Social Club, welcoming people from all parts of Ireland, providing a place where emigrant Irish could come together and support each other and carry on Irish customs; and

WHEREAS: In the 1980's, the club shifted it's focus to promoting Irish social and cultural activities, Irish history and current affairs and became known as the All-Ireland Cultural Society of Oregon. The All-Ireland Cultural Society of Oregon has sponsored entertainment, speakers and education solidifying its place as the foremost Irish Cultural organization in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: On St. Patrick's Day in 1939, the All-Ireland Social Club held their first annual event including plays and other social events. This year, the club celebrates their 72nd anniversary at the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17th.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 17** to be

All-Ireland Cultural Society of Oregon Day

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 8, 2011.



John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor

Kate Brown, Secretary of State