



2007 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 89

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming March of every year as Irish–American Heritage Month.

2 Whereas, America has been shaped by the principles of liberty and freedom,
3 guided by the pursuit of justice, and enriched by the diversity of its people, and Irish
4 Americans have been an essential part of this development, greatly contributing to
5 our nation’s and state’s progress and prosperity; and

6 Whereas, since the founding of our nation, millions of Irish have emigrated to
7 this country, and to Wisconsin, to embrace the vibrant promise of new opportunity
8 that America offers; and

9 Whereas, some came seeking the freedom to worship as they pleased, while
10 others came in the wake of the devastating Irish potato famine of 1845–1849, which
11 caused 1 million deaths in Ireland and led to the emigration of nearly 1.5 million
12 Irish; and

13 Whereas, this convergence of cultures contributed to the rich fabric of our great
14 state and nation, uniquely threading together many divergent ideas, tastes, and
15 traditions; and

