

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0214

Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald, Council President Connally and Councilmember Gallagher	A Resolution honoring the Taoiseach of Ireland, Enda Kenny, on the occasion of his visit; honoring the Republic of Ireland and the County of Mayo for the contributions of Irish-Americans in Cuyahoga County; declaring Cuyahoga County's commitment to preserve and cultivate economic ties with the Republic of Ireland and County Mayo; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the forthcoming state visit of Enda Kenny, Taoiseach of Ireland, marks the first time that a Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland has visited Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and Executive of Cuyahoga County wish to offer Enda Kenny and the representatives of Ireland and County Mayo a worthy and appropriate greeting; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of Ireland, and the County of Mayo, in particular, have contributed greatly to Cuyahoga County through the members of the Irish Diaspora, which to this day underpins a fundamental kinship; and

WHEREAS, the early generations of Irish settlers constituted the prime workforce in the canals, shipping, and metals trades responsible for Cleveland's first age of industrial greatness; and

WHEREAS, the Irish parishes and members of religious orders have fostered spiritual and scholastic enlightenment through the establishment of many of the finest parochial schools and institutions of higher learning in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, the heritage of Ireland and County Mayo is still woven into the civic fabric of Cuyahoga County and reflected in law, finance, and public service through some of its most prominent surnames; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County and Mayo County share a commitment to the pursuit of the internationalization of their domestic businesses, focusing foremost on the health sciences and energy sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Presidency of the European Union will rotate to the Republic of Ireland for the period of January through June, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the year 2013 will mark the first occurrence of The Gathering, a year-long celebration through which the Taoiseach and the Republic of Ireland seek to attract many of the 70 million members of the Irish Diaspora, including 290,000 from Greater Cleveland, to visit their homeland; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive of Cuyahoga County and County Manager of County Mayo have already initiated discussions of a cooperative agreement between the counties to enhance their respective regions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the County Council and Executive of Cuyahoga County hereby greet and recognize Enda Kenny, Taoiseach of Ireland, on the occasion of his visit to Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 2. That the County Council and Executive of Cuyahoga County hereby express genuine appreciation and humble gratitude to the Republic of Ireland and the County of Mayo for their peoples' significant contributions to the society, culture, and economy of Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 3. In preparation for 2013, a year of significant effort and opportunity to foster cultural and commercial ties across the globe, the County Council and Executive declare that Cuyahoga County shares Ireland and County Mayo's determination to preserve and cultivate new and existing ties of economic and civic kinship.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller and Connally

Nays: None

County Council President Date

County Executive Date

Clerk of Council

Date

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: October 9, 2012

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