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**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED  
BY LEGISLATOR BURKE**

**RE: Calling on the Irish Government to study the implications of a United Ireland and expand the rights of duly elected Northern MP's**

**WHEREAS**, Ireland is an island nation and its people are an ancient and distinct culture. Throughout its history it has been comprised of 32 counties, but it was artificially divided into 26 counties (The Irish Republic) and 6 counties (Northern Ireland) in the 1920's. This artificial, forced division of the Irish Nation was designed to be a transitory answer to issues in the 1920's and history has demonstrated that the Irish people have the right and responsibility to govern themselves; 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 of Ireland. Human and civil rights derive from the consent of the governed and are best guaranteed by the people's freely instituted, duly elected and independent government; and

**WHEREAS**, A unified, independent Irish Police Service and Justice System are most likely to be effective, fair and impartial, and 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, which was negotiated with American support, ratified by the English and Irish governments, and voted upon the entire island of Ireland, includes provision for achieving a United Ireland through purely democratic and peaceful means and for the development of North/South Institutions in cross-border cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Erie, New York in the United States have greatly benefited from the contributions of the sons and daughters of Ireland, and peace and prosperity for all of Ireland can be promoted through the Democratic reunification of Ireland as the ultimate roadmap for the Irish nation and people; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature in the State of New York in the United States hereby calls upon the English and Irish Governments to take immediate steps necessary to bring to fruition the promises of the All Ireland Institutions called for and envisioned by the Good Friday Agreement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this honorable body further requests that the Irish Government formally study the implications of a United Ireland and outline the fundamental steps for restoring the Irish Nation and publically report their findings and plans; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That this honorable body further suggests 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 expand the voting rights for the Irish President to the citizens of the six counties of the North of Ireland; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Erie County Legislature hereby directs the Clerk of the Legislature to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland, the Ambassador for the United Kingdom and to the Thomas W. Carrols, Erie County Division One, Ancient Order of Hibernians, as evidence of the sentiments and recognition of this body.

Fiscal Implication: None for Resolution