

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In The Year One Thousand Nine Hundred And Seventy-Eight

RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THAT THERE BE A DECLARATION OF INTENT
TO WITHDRAW BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FROM NORTHERN IRELAND.

Whereas, The British presence in Northern Ireland is recognized as an unjust presence which is the prime source of division in that troubled part of Ireland; and

Whereas, The Prime Minister of the Republic of Eire, Jack Lynch, has called upon the British government to make a declaration of intent to withdraw from Ireland; and

Whereas, The newly installed Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Tomas O'Fiaich of Armagh, has also called for a declaration of intent on the part of the British to withdraw as the essential first step in the process of creating a society which assures the rights of all the citizens of Ireland; and

Whereas, The foremost political and religious leaders have spoken for the vast majority of the Irish people; now therefore, be it

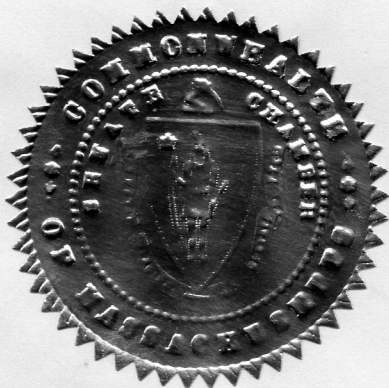
Resolved, That the Massachusetts senate formally joins in the request of the Irish people that there be a declaration of intent to withdraw by the British government and further extends its congratulations to the Prime Minister, Jack Lynch, and to Archbishop Tomas O'Fiaich, for their courageous expression of the centuries-old yearnings of their people; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the senate to Prime Minister Jack Lynch, Archbishop Tomas O'Fiaich, the British Ambassador to the United States, the Secretary of State, and to the presiding officer of each branch of the Congress and to each member thereof from the commonwealth.

Senate, adopted, February 15, 1978.

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