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## **Alderman Murphy to welcome Irish delegation today**

Milwaukee Common Council President **Michael J. Murphy** will welcome a visiting delegation from Ireland on Monday, the day before St. Patrick's Day, as they tour the City of Milwaukee on a mission to connect Irish Americans with their homeland and promote business, trade and tourism.

In a daylong visit coordinated by **Milwaukee Irish Fest**, Ireland's Minister of State for Diaspora Affairs, **Mr. Jimmy Deenihan** will be joined by **Mr. Aidan Cronin**, Consul General for Ireland to Chicago, as well as members of Ireland's Departments of Foreign Affairs and Taoiseach.

"From its inception, Milwaukee has been a city where we celebrate our heritage as immigrants," Alderman Murphy said. "Many of us hold dear to deep roots in Ireland, and I'm pleased and honored to have the opportunity to further Milwaukee's relationship with my ancestral homeland."

The first American-born son of Irish immigrants, Alderman Murphy will deliver the welcome address to the visiting delegation at the "Connect Ireland Business Breakfast" on Monday morning. Afterwards, the honored dignitaries will spend the day touring the city, meeting local leaders and experiencing Milwaukee's cultural institutions.

"We are honored to welcome Minister Deenihan and the delegation from Ireland to Milwaukee," said **Mr. Patrick Boyle**, executive director of Milwaukee Irish Fest. "Connecting Irish Americans to their homeland is a mission that we collectively share and one that Milwaukee Irish Fest has championed for 35 years."

Milwaukee has had an active "Sister Cities" relationship with Galway, Ireland since December 21, 2001.