

**RESOLUTION OF THE**  
**[INSERT NAME OF BODY PASSING RESOLUTION HERE]**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE MARTIN McGUINNESS PRINCIPLES**

**WHEREAS**, the 1998 Good Friday Agreement between the Irish Government and the British Government provides that the British Government should enact legislation defining rights supplementary to those in the European Convention on Human Rights which, together with the ECHR, are to constitute “a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Good Friday Agreement provides that the British Government will “take resolute action to promote...facilitate and encourage the use of” the Irish language; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2006 St. Andrews Agreement between the Irish Government and the British Government provides that “The [British] Government will introduce an Irish Language Act reflecting on the experience of Wales and Ireland and work with the incoming Executive to enhance and protect the development of the Irish language”; and

**WHEREAS**, the British Government agreed in the 2014 Stormont House Agreement between the Irish Government and the British Government to provide up to £150M to fund inquests on legacy killings; and

**WHEREAS**, the commitment in the Stormont House Agreement to fund inquests on legacy killings was reaffirmed in the 2015 Fresh Start Agreement between the Irish Government and the British Government; and

**WHEREAS**, the Good Friday Agreement provides that it is for a majority of people from Northern Ireland to determine whether they should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland; and

**WHEREAS**, the British Government has not enacted a Bill of Rights for the North of Ireland in the the twenty-year period since the Good Friday Agreement was agreed; and

**WHEREAS**, the British Government has not enacted an Irish Language Act to ensure full statutory equality for the Irish language nor taken resolute action to promote, facilitate, or encourage the use of the Irish Language; and

**WHEREAS**, the British Government has not funded or held inquests into the killings of hundreds of civilians during the conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, the British Government has not held a poll or referendum on a united Ireland at any time during the twenty-year period since the Good Friday Agreement was agreed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that [**INSERT NAME OF BODY PASSING RESOLUTION HERE**] strongly supports and endorses the Martin McGuinness Principles calling for Equality, Respect, Truth, and Self-Determination for the North of Ireland;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the four principles of the Martin McGuinness Principles should be met without further delay by the enactment of a Bill of Rights for the North of Ireland, the enactment of an Irish Language Act, the release of funds to undertake inquests regarding legacy killings, and the holding of a referendum to determine if a majority of voters desire the North of Ireland to become a united Ireland; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, it is for the people of the island of Ireland alone, by agreement between North and South and without external impediment, to exercise their right of self-determination on the basis of consent

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that [**INSERT NAME OF BODY PASSING RESOLUTION HERE**] calls on the United States Congress to adopt a Resolution endorsing the Martin McGuinness Principles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that [**INSERT NAME OF BODY PASSING RESOLUTION HERE**] and its members shall publicize and promote the Martin McGuinness Principles to the extent deemed appropriate.