



National Irish-American Month

Irish-American Heritage Month was first proclaimed by the United States Congress in 1995. March is a significant month for Irish-Americans and March 17 honors Saint Patrick who is remembered for introducing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th Century.

According to the 2000 United States Census, of the total American population, 10.8% persons (30,528,492) claimed Irish ancestry. Of Florida's population in 2000, 10.3% persons (1,645,585) claimed Irish ancestry.

(Information and statistics obtained from www.euroamericans.net/irish.htm)

Among notable Irish-Americans was Theodore Roosevelt who descended through his mother from the Barnwells of Dublin. In fact, President Roosevelt was one of the founding members of the American Irish Historical Society.