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MEDIA ADVISORY

City To Reaffirm Irish Ties That Bind

A formal **City Hall ceremony tomorrow morning** will include the signing of Common Council-approved documents executing the renewal and reaffirmation of the City of Milwaukee's "sister city" relationship with **Galway, Ireland**.

A delegation of Irish visitors, including **Mayor of City of Galway Pádraig Conneely, Republic of Ireland Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Eamon O Cuiv, Mayor of County Galway Dermot Connolly, Bishop Martin Drennan, and several other Galway officials** will attend the special ceremony **tomorrow (Friday, August 15, 2008) at 9:30 a.m.** in the third floor Council Chamber of City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

Mayor Tom Barrett will take part in the signing ceremony, which will include a welcome by **Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.**

Ald. Michael J. Murphy, the son of Irish immigrants, will host the event, which includes a reception in the Chamber Anteroom immediately after the signing ceremony. **Ald. Bob Donovan** will also attend the ceremony, which is being held in cooperation with the Spirit of Galway and Milwaukee Irish Fest.

A city with a population of approximately 65,000, Galway is located on the west coast of Ireland. Galway was a frequent departure point for Irish who immigrated to America. Milwaukee's formal sister city agreement with Galway has been in place since December 2001. This year – as in the recent past – the Irish visitors to Milwaukee are scheduled to be here during Irish Fest (not a coincidence).

WHAT: Galway Sister City Renewal event
WHEN: Friday, August 15 at 9:30 a.m.
WHERE: Council Chamber, 3rd Floor, City Hall

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