



THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL
Seanascal Shaorstát Éireann

Beannacht, Éire.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh! Happy Easter to all. On this very special day, I am very grateful for the warm joys of Spring and I excitedly look forward to the happier, healthier days ahead.

The Easter season is both of religious and national importance for Ireland, as is it the primary feast day of Christianity as well as a reminder of the Easter Rising and subsequent war of independence.

In light of this, I am keen to reflect on the rebirth of Irish culture after the civil and military strife of the early twentieth century. It is important that we, as a community, continue to preserve and protect our language, our Celtic roots and our unique national identity.

I am also driven by the celebration of Jesus Christ, one of history's great progressive visionaries, to see this day as a call to empathy. Let us both celebrate the diversity on our island and cherish the similarities we may have. The gift of community, culture and self-expression should be one offered to all, and it is our job to defend and uphold that.

Rath Dé ort,

His Excellency, Sir Connor_Novak CIOM SGH GCI
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