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**RICHMOND COUNTY PIPE AND DRUMS OF STATEN ISLAND**

I am delighted to send my sincerest best wishes to all of the members both past and present of the Richmond County Pipes & Drums of Staten Island as you celebrate your fortieth anniversary.

You all undertake such wonderful work in promoting Irish heritage for the entire community in Staten Island, New York and beyond and you rightly take great pride in sharing your musical talents and repertoire.

“Seinntear fonn le fonn agus seinntear fonn le mí-fhonn.” (*Music is played in glad times, music is played in sad times.*) This Irish proverb captures the essential role of the Richmond County Pipes & Drums band from the happy to the sad events at which your members are called to play.

It gives me particular pleasure to join with you in paying tribute to all the members as you celebrate at the Staaten in Staten Island on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a day which has been declared “Richmond County Pipes & Drums Day” by the Staten Island Borough President.

Let me wish you all once again a wonderful 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. May the next forty years of the Richmond County Pipes & Drums of Staten Island be just as memorable.

Shane Cahill  
Deputy Consul General of Ireland, New York  
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