



## TWELFTH OF JULY RESOLUTIONS - 2021

### **2021 FIRST RESOLUTION – THE FAITH**

As members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland we affirm our belief in the Word of God which contains all things necessary for salvation. The sacrifice of Christ once made on Calvary is that perfect redemption, propitiation and satisfaction for sin, and our only hope of eternal life.

Today, as we look back over the past one hundred years, we recognise the increasing secularisation of our land. Sinful practises and lifestyles have become not only acceptable but are being actively promoted, and the Lord, His Word, his Church and His People are being openly opposed and attacked by many.

Nevertheless, our hope is in the God who declares “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18) We give thanks to God that in so many of our places of worship the Gospel is being faithfully preached, and we call upon all our members, and indeed all people, to “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isaiah 55:6&7)

## **2021 SECOND RESOLUTION - LOYALTY**

That we, the members of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland, in commemoration of the 331<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, do hereby reaffirm our devotion and loyalty to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Her other Realms, Defender of The Faith.

We give thanks for the unstinting faith, loyalty, and devotion of our Sovereign and recognise her commitment to our Nation.

As members of the Loyal Orange Institution, we again offer our heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and the Royal Family following the sad passing of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We continue to uphold our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth and the wider family in our prayers at this time and reflect and give thanks for a lifetime of service and devotion to our nation.

We look forward with eagerness and joy to her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee next year, when we as a loyal people, will celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 70th anniversary as Monarch.

## **2021 THIRD RESOLUTION – THE STATE**

In this Centennial year, we give thanks for the creation of Northern Ireland and the formation of the United Kingdom.

As we celebrate the achievements of the last 100 years, we proudly recognise the innovation and influence of our citizens, from the arts to academia and from scientists to sporting champions. We also remember with thanksgiving the men and women who defended this land against those who sought to destroy it from its very inception in 1921.

Today we face a great many challenges including inequality in policing decisions; the continued rewriting of history; immoral legacy proposals and the belittlement of our culture and beliefs.

Like our parents, grandparents and great grandparents who founded and maintained this country, we will confront these injustices wherever they are found.

The most severe current threat to the Union and our way of life is the Northern Ireland Protocol. If left unchallenged and unchanged, it will result in a reorientation of our economy and society towards the Republic of Ireland.

The Protocol threatens the Union and undermines previous agreements. We therefore demand that this immediate threat to the sovereignty of our nation is rescinded.

We urge Unionist co-operation, encouraging our elected representatives to place country before party as together we promote the benefits of the Union for all citizens and prepare for forthcoming elections.

Northern Ireland has survived and thrived for 100 years, let us look forward to the next 100 years when we will continue to play a full and active part in the life of the United Kingdom.

Lord Carson's words at the Craigavon demonstration in 1911 still ring true today –

“ We ask for no special rights, but we claim the same rights from the government as every other part of the United Kingdom. We ask for nothing more - we will take nothing less.”