



UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN

PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Message for World Drowning Prevention Day

Iúil 2026

Ba mhaith liom, mar Uachtarán na hÉireann, aird a dhíriú ar thábhacht agus riachtanas na n-iarrachtaí atá á dhéanamh ar fud na tíre, ó cheann ceann na bliana, chun sábháilteacht uisce a chur chun cinn agus cosc a chur ar bhá.

As an island nation, our relationship with the sea, our rivers and lakes is strongly intertwined with our history, culture and daily lives. These waters offer opportunities for recreation, while reminding us of the importance of safety and vigilance.

World Drowning Prevention Day invites us all to be mindful of water safety and of the need to support one another in making safety-informed choices for the protection of lives.

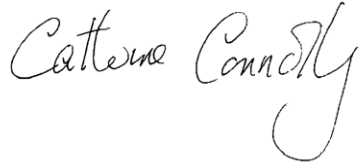
At this time of year in particular, and following several recent devastating tragedies, an increased awareness of the potential dangers our waterways pose is especially important.

I warmly commend Water Safety Ireland for its unwavering commitment to awareness and prevention. Through the dedication of its volunteers and staff, countless people are equipped with the skills and confidence required to enjoy our waterways safely.

Gabhaim buíochas ó chroí libh ar fad as ucht bhur gcuid saothar fíor-thábhachtach.

Guím go dtabharfar aird agus aire ar bhur gcuid treorlínite sa chaoi go mbeidh muintir na tíre seo ábalta taitneamh agus tairbhe a bhaint as uiscí na hÉireann ar bhealach slán sábháilte.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Catherine Connolly". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Catherine Connolly
Uachtarán na hÉireann