



Ancient Order of
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FFAI RESOLUTION FOR ALL LEGACY VICTIMS

WHEREAS, The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America in its commitment to Freedom-for-all Ireland follows a policy of “aiding and advancing by all legitimate means the aspirations of the Irish people for complete and absolute independence;” and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1969-98 conflict, hundreds of those murdered directly by or with the collusion of British crown forces are hereafter referred to as “Legacy Victims;” and

WHEREAS, a few families of the aforementioned Legacy Victims have overcome a deliberate British policy of denial and delay regarding the truth about and justice for their loved ones have uncovered the truth about such murders through proceedings such as the Ballymurphy Massacre Inquest and the Ombudsman Investigations into Operation Greenwich and Operation Achille; and

WHEREAS, the British government has responded to the emergence of truth for a few families by introducing a Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill designed to cut off all legal avenues to establish genuine independent investigations for hundreds of other families, in clear violation of Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as of both the Good Friday and Stormont House Agreements; and

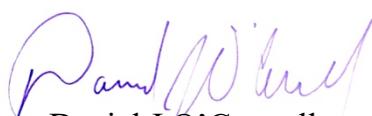
WHEREAS, victims’ relatives fighting for justice have appealed to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America at this crucial time to rally widespread American opposition to the British amnesty laws, which is crucial for these families to have any hope of justice for their murdered loved ones; now be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America formally reiterates our continuing commitment to these families of Legacy Victims in their long fight for truth, now further complicated by the planned British legacy whitewash; and be it further

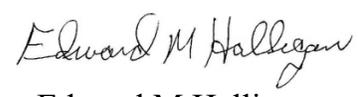
RESOLVED, that the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America calls upon the Irish government to make all necessary legal preparations to defend the Right to Life of hundreds of Irish citizens by bringing Britain directly to the European Court on Human Rights, thereby sparing victims’ families the emotional and financial burden of years of British court proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the National Secretary is asked to send copies of this Resolution suitably embossed, to the President of Ireland, the Taoiseach of Ireland, the First Secretary for Northern Ireland, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, the office of the United States Special Envoy to Northern Ireland, and the European Court on Human Rights.

Adopted in convention and signed and witnessed this Sixteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-two, the two hundred and forty-sixth year since the founding of the American Republic, the one hundred and sixth since the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, and the one hundred and eighty-sixth since the founding of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.


Daniel J O'Connell
National President




Edward M Halligan
National Secretary

“Ireland unfree shall never be at Peace”