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**poblacht na h éireann**  
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT  
OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC  
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN:

**I**N THE NAME OF GOD and of the  
dead generations from which  
she receives her old tradition of  
nationhood/Ireland/through us/  
summons her children to her flag and  
strikes for her freedom.

**H**AVING organised and trained  
her manhood through her sec-  
ret revolutionary organisation/the  
Irish Republican Brotherhood/and  
through her open military organi-  
sations/the Irish Volunteers and the  
Irish Citizen Army/having patiently  
perfected her discipline/having re-  
solutely waited for the right moment  
to reveal itself/she now seizes that  
moment/and/supported by her exiled  
children in America and by gallant

allies in Europe/but relying in the first on her own strength/she strikes in full confidence of victory.

**W**E declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland/and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies/to be sovereign and inalienable. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right/nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world/we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State/and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the

cause of its freedom/of its welfare/and of its exaltation among the nations.

**T**HE Irish Republic is entitled to/and hereby claims/the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty/equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens/and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts/cherishing all the children of the nation equally/and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government/which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

**U**NTIL our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government/representative of the whole people of Ireland and

elected by the suffrages of all her  
men and women/the Provisional  
Government/hereby constituted/  
will administer the civil and military  
affairs of the Republic in trust for  
the people.

**W**E place the cause of the Irish  
Republic under the protec-  
tion of the Most High God/Whose  
blessing we invoke upon our arms/  
and we pray that no one who serves  
that cause will dishonour it by  
cowardice/inhumanity/or rapine. In  
this supreme hour the Irish nation  
must/by its valour and discipline and  
by the readiness of its children to  
sacrifice themselves for the common  
good/prove itself worthy of the  
august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional  
Government

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Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

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Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

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