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### **The Irish Inn Welcomes Miss Universe Ireland**

Washington DC

September 8, 2020: The Irish Inn at Glen Echo, long owned and operated by Christy and Libby Hughes, recently welcomed Miss Universe Ireland Fionnghuala (Fig) O'Reilly for a second time this year. O'Reilly was delighted to return to enjoy a fine meal and listen to socially-distanced live Irish music. She is one of many Irish- American celebrities to dine at The Irish Inn over the past decade.

The Irish Inn is known for its undeniable charm, excellent customer service, fairly priced fine dining, friendly ambiance and ability to host banquets & special events. With a reputation as a top-tier restaurant and pub in the area, The Irish Inn notably hosts a large outdoor patio and a large parking lot with easy access for their DC metro area customers.

Even the Covid-19 virus hasn't stopped management from being creative in challenging times of social distancing and customer occupancy restrictions. In June, The Irish Inn resumed its tradition of hosting Irish music nights led by the Irish Inn Mates band on Tuesday evenings. The weekly performances are now located outside near the patio and parking lot and often feature guest Irish dancers to ensure a fine time is had by all.

Miss Universe Ireland Fig O'Reilly said: *"I enjoyed a memorable evening in January at The Irish Inn and again in July. The following week, my father said he was taking me for the best fish & chips in town. To my delight it ended up being a surprise third visit to The Irish Inn."*

Owner Christy Hughes said: *"Welcoming Fig again was a treat for our staff, customers and friends, and we are already looking forward to her next visit. We know how much guests love attending our Irish music nights while enjoying traditional Irish fine-dining, and we wanted to make it possible to still experience that great Irish 'craic' safely."*

Caroline Johnston, owner of Caroline Sarah Ventures and business development consultant for The Irish Inn, said: *"It's rewarding to see The Irish Inn returning to the bustling, energetic establishment that it has been for 25 years. Times are tough for all local businesses, but due to creative management, staff team work and a loyal customer base, The Irish Inn has adapted and responded positively to the pandemic operating challenges, seeing increasing business stability as customers begin to safely return to dining out again."*

The Irish Inn looks forward to celebrating 'A Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Celebration' in mid-September 2020. So sign up for regular email updates and special events information and stay connected with us at [info@irishinnglenecho.com](mailto:info@irishinnglenecho.com).

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