



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Irish Ambassador to U.S. to visit Philadelphia and meet Irish Chamber members**

**Philadelphia, PA, (12 June 2018)** – The Irish American Business Chamber & Network will welcome the newest Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, His Excellency Ambassador Daniel Mulhall to Philadelphia for his first official visit on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Ambassador Mulhall will meet with Philadelphia Mayor James Kenney and Irish and Irish-American business leaders in the Philadelphia region during his visit. Ambassador Mulhall will meet members of the Irish Chamber at their Anniversary Reception at The Corinthian Yacht Club. This year marks the Chamber’s 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Greater Philadelphia region.

**The Ambassador of Ireland to the United States**

Daniel Mulhall took up duty as Ireland’s 18th Ambassador to the United States in August 2017. Ambassador Mulhall joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1978 and served early diplomatic assignments in New Delhi, Vienna (OSCE), Brussels (European Union) and Edinburgh, where he was Ireland’s first Consul General, 1998-2001. He served as Ireland’s Ambassador to Malaysia (2001-05), where he was also accredited to Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. From 2009 to 2013, he was Ireland’s Ambassador to Germany. During his diplomatic career, Ambassador Mulhall has held a number of positions at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including as Director-General for European Affairs, 2005-2009. He also served as a member of the Secretariat of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation (1994-95). From 1994-98, he was the Department’s Press Counsellor, and in that capacity was part of the Irish Government’s delegation at the time of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. Before arriving in Washington, he served as Ireland’s Ambassador in London (2013-17). Ambassador Mulhall was born and raised in Waterford and undertook his undergraduate and post-graduate studies at University College Cork, where he specialised in modern Irish history.

**About the Irish American Business Chamber & Network, Inc.**

The Irish American Business Chamber & Network is a nonpartisan business organization dedicated to promoting the interests of its members and the development of economic and educational relationships between the United States and the Island of Ireland. The Chamber provides growth opportunities to its members through a series of monthly networking forums, programs, and a broad range of services. Its members span the Philadelphia, Delaware and New Jersey tri-state area and include Irish-based companies with strong interests in this region.

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