



**Greeting from  
President of Iceland  
Guðni Th. Jóhannesson  
on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Republic of Iceland**

**17 June 2024**

Dear friends of Iceland, all over the world.

Today, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, we Icelanders celebrate a milestone in our history. On this day in 1944, eighty years ago, the nation gathered at Thingvellir, the site of our old parliament. The Republic of Iceland came into being.

Ever since, we have been determined to sustain and strengthen a society where we all have equal opportunities to shine and prosper, to the benefit of ourselves and all others. At the same time, we aim to be a force for good on the international scene, an independent state in an interdependent world.

Let us hope for a future filled with peace and progress, for us in Iceland and all others. Let us turn that hope into action and let us make that action be loud and clear.

*Lengi lifi lýðveldið Ísland!* Long live the Republic of Iceland!