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Councillor Brenda Stevenson

5 March 2015

## Dear Dr Palin

As Mayor of Derry it gives me tremendous pleasure to wish you and members of your Bahá'í community a Happy New Year and extend my very best wishes to each and every one of you as you celebrate Naw-Ruz.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with you during my year as Mayor. Last November I was invited as your guest to attend a Bahá'í Holy Day celebration. I was overwhelmed at the warm welcome I received and the friendliness of the people I met. Attending the event was a great experience for me, not only was it a great opportunity for me to meet with you all but it gave me an insight into the fantastic work you do and a greater awareness of the principles of the Bahá'í faith.

I fully endorse the ethos of your faith and the emphasis you place on promoting family values and a better and positive environment for everyone. I am very much aware of the great work done by your community to promote good relations and peace and reconciliation, by encouraging our communities to work together for a better shared future.

I am delighted as Mayor of the city to extend my best wishes to you and members of the Bahá'í faith in Derry and beyond, for your Naw-Ruz celebrations. I hope that this year brings with it a year of celebration and renewal.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Brenda Stevenson

MAYOR

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