WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement commemorating St. Patrick's Day:

"As a grandson of an Irish immigrant and one of the hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers of Irish descent, I join millions of Irish Americans and the broader Irish Diaspora in celebrating the patron saint of Ireland: St. Patrick.

"St. Patrick was a man of faith, whose devotion to God and country left an indelible mark on the history of Ireland and whose life and deeds are the stuff of legend.

"What started as a religious feast day commemorating his death has become a global holiday enjoyed by Irish and non-Irish alike. Indeed, one would be hard-pressed to travel anywhere in East Central Indiana and not come across the festivities that mark this day, and remind us all that there are only two kinds of people in the world: The Irish and those who wish they were.

"Happy St. Patty's."