

# **St. Vincent and the Grenadines Independence Day**

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On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I congratulate the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as you celebrate 31 years of independence this October 27. Our two nations are united by a shared commitment to advancing democracy and human rights as we work to build a brighter future for all our people.

Through our cooperation in the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas, and the Partnership Framework for HIV and AIDS, we are working to enhance the security and health of the entire region. We will continue to strengthen the ties of friendship between our countries as we expand our cooperation on these and many other important initiatives.

As you gather to enjoy your Independence Day parade and honor the rich history of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, I wish all Vincentians a peaceful holiday celebration and a prosperous year.

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