

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' Independence Day

Press Statement

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On behalf of President Obama and the people of the United States, I am delighted to send best wishes to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as you celebrate your independence day this October 27.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is a valued partner as we work to address issues of mutual concern for both our countries. Together we are promoting greater gender equality, reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS, and empowering more young people to be engaged in their communities and countries. In the Caribbean region and around the world we are strengthening democratic values and freedoms.

I look forward to deepening this already strong relationship between our two countries and finding new ways for our governments and people to work together. Happy independence day and best wishes for a year of peace, prosperity and opportunity.

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