

INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE – GRENADA’S 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE
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My fellow citizens, as we celebrate our 38th Anniversary of Independence it gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings and best wishes. The celebration on yet another year as an independent nation is most certainly a time of happiness and pride for all of us, and a time when our collective sense of patriotism is never stronger and our commitment to nation building unquestioned.

Thirty eight years ago our leaders, with boundless faith, decided to take a giant leap into what can be considered the unknown, unsure of what we would encounter but certain that we possessed the ability and capacity to chart our own destiny as an independent nation.

Today we look back and reflect on the wonderful story of 38 years of change, innovation, resilience and tenacity of a people and a nation proud of its achievements and optimistic of the future.

As we celebrate this event we must do so with reverence and thanksgiving to God for the bountiful blessings that he has bestowed on our people and nation, particularly for sparing us from natural disasters and major social misfortune over the last year.

Indeed, we should also celebrate, cognizant of the fact that our well being and progress have been built upon the foundation of the hard work and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. We should, therefore, use this opportunity to pay homage to them by resolving to always stay committed to strengthening the unity and integrity of our nation. We need to seize the moment now to pledge to work hand in hand in the building of a prosperous nation.

This year’s observance of independence is guided by the theme, “***Breaking all barriers, striving for greater achievements under one flag***”. In this regard, I call on all Grenadians, at home and in the Diaspora, to use their talents, skills, knowledge and experiences to bravely confront the challenges that hinder our collective progress, with the resilient spirit that is uniquely Grenadian. Moreover, I urge all of us to work together as we aspire to build and advance as one people.

As a young nation, we are on a journey to maturity, how that journey will unfold is entirely up to us. Let us therefore work towards a destination of prosperity, unity, peace and security.

I wish everyone a restful and reflective independence day as we strive for greater achievements under one flag. May God bless you and our Nation.

Happy Independence!!!!