

# Press Releases: Germany National Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I congratulate the people of Germany as you celebrate the Day of German Unity on October 3.

Germany is one of the United States' closest allies and an indispensable leader in Europe. As we approach the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, we remember the significance of that event not only for German reunification but also for democracy and freedom across the globe. On this day we celebrate the spirit of unity and Germany's place as a beacon of light for a Europe that is whole, free, and at peace.

German culture and traditions are indelible aspects of the American experience. More than 45 million Americans claim German ancestry. Our shared values, deep people-to-people ties, and common interest in creating a prosperous and secure world underpin the solid foundations of our relationship.

As you gather in Berlin and across Germany on this 28th anniversary of German reunification, I wish you continued prosperity and thank you for your contributions to the unbreakable U.S.-German relationship. We truly are "Wunderbar Together."

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