## <u>Press Releases: Jamaican Independence</u> <u>Day</u>

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Secretary of State

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On behalf of the United States Government, congratulations to Jamaica on 56 years of independence.

Jamaica is one of the United States' strongest partners. Your support for citizen security, energy development, and economic reform is valuable to ensuring a secure and prosperous region. Today, we celebrate our strong connections and the countless links between our people. We look forward to supporting Jamaica's leadership as the Chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and remain committed to the region as underscored in the Caribbean 2020 strategy.

The United States looks eagerly to a future of continued friendship and close cooperation between our two great nations. We send our best wishes to the people of Jamaica for a happy Independence Day with peace and prosperity throughout the year to come.

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