## Press Releases: On the Occasion of Georgia's National Day

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Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I want to congratulate the people of Georgia as you celebrate 26 years since the restoration of your independence.

This important date also marks 25 years of bilateral relations between Georgia and the United States. We value Georgia's steadfast partnership and look forward to continuing to advance our shared interests and values. The United States is deeply grateful for the sacrifice of Georgia's troops serving with us in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world. Together, we celebrate Georgia's successes and mourn those who have perished in the fight against terrorism.

Georgia continues to inspire others with its leadership and commitment to our shared belief in the power of democratic principles. The United States strongly supports Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders as well as its choice to chart its own future within the community of free nations. We look forward to many years of continued cooperation and friendship to advance stability and prosperity for our two countries.

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