

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

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the United States of America, congratulations to the people of Iceland on the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of your independence.

The United States and Iceland enjoy a close relationship based on mutual values and shared interests. As a founding member of NATO and bilateral defense partner with the United States, Iceland has demonstrated steadfast commitment to regional stability. We are friends and partners with growing and deepening ties in trade, education, and conservation. We look forward to working with Iceland to build a future of shared prosperity for our families, businesses, and communities.

We are proud to call Iceland an ally and friend. Best wishes to all Icelanders, from Reykjavík to Egilsstaðir.

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