

# Press Releases: On the Occasion of Montenegro's Statehood Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the American people, congratulations to the people of Montenegro on Statehood Day.

The relationship between the United States and Montenegro grows deeper every year, as recently shown by Montenegro's joining NATO as the 29th ally last month. We welcome Montenegro's contributions to regional and transatlantic security and our shared efforts in Afghanistan. We welcome your continued progress in building strong democratic institutions and tackling corruption to ensure Montenegro's steady progress towards EU membership.

The United States appreciates the commitment of the people of Montenegro to our shared goals of security, peace, and prosperity. Congratulations as you celebrate Statehood Day. We look forward to continued cooperation in the years ahead.

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