

# Press Releases: On the Occasion of Republic Day in Italy

Press Statement  
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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I extend my best wishes and congratulations to our friends in Italy on this 72nd anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Republic.

As Italians celebrate with family and friends, we in the United States take pride in all that our two countries have accomplished together as close allies and friends. Our continued economic, political, and security cooperation is vital to address common challenges, including strengthening transatlantic security and fighting terrorism around the world.

American culture continues to be immeasurably enriched by Italy. Millions of Americans trace their roots to Italy, and our relationship is based on mutual respect and affection. It is in this spirit that the United States looks forward to continued cooperation with our Italian partners and to building upon our existing collaboration.

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