

# Press Releases: Sweden National Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I offer congratulations and happiness as you celebrate the 209<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your constitution on June 6th.

The Swedish-U.S. relationship dates back centuries, to 1638 when the first Swedish immigrants arrived at *Nya Sverige* on the Delaware River. We are proud to have 200 years of unbroken diplomatic relations. Our special friendship is strengthened by the daily contributions of Americans of Swedish heritage to so many areas of American life: technology, culture, sports, science, and more. Your constitution reflects many of our bedrock, shared values of democracy and freedom.

Together, we work as partners to defeat ISIS, to bolster economic and human rights-based development in the world, and to prosper from joint trade and investment. As a valued NATO Enhanced Opportunities Partner, you are a leader on the global stage, and Sweden's commitment to addressing world development challenges makes you one of our strongest bilateral partners. In the Arctic, your contributions to research and development have strengthened global knowledge of the region.

As you mark this special day with friends and family, the United States wishes you peace and prosperity in the coming year.

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