## <u>Press Releases: Venezuela's</u> <u>Independence Day</u>

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On behalf of the people of the United States of America, I offer the people of Venezuela on the anniversary of your independence our enduring commitment to your liberty and freedom.

Venezuela stands at a critical juncture in its history. Even in the face of a dictatorial regime, you continue to forge onward, revitalizing the ideals of freedom and equality upon which Venezuela was founded. We support your struggle to build a future in which you can freely elect your leaders and rebuild Venezuela's once thriving economy.

The United States stands with the people of Venezuela. We will work with regional and international partners to help you realize the peaceful, democratic, and prosperous future you deserve.

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