



## RESOLUTION

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### **RESOLUTION HONORING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF *CURRENT TIME* – THE JOINT PRODUCTION OF VOICE OF AMERICA AND RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY**

**December 16, 2015**

WHEREAS, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) and the Voice of America (VOA) launched the jointly produced show *Current Time* on October 14, 2014, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the people living in countries along Russia's periphery;

WHEREAS, VOA and RFE/RL have worked in close cooperation to provide these audiences with a balanced alternative to the disinformation produced by Russian media outlets that is driving instability in the region;

WHEREAS, RFE/RL and VOA have worked in partnership with public and private broadcasters and Internet portals in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine;

WHEREAS, the program is reaching viewers via broadcast television, YouTube, Internet news portals and social media;

WHEREAS, a network of VOA and RFE/RL reporters, editors and production staff, located in Prague, other European capitals, Washington, D.C., and the Russian periphery, work together to present the daily program;

WHEREAS, RFE/RL and VOA have embraced the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to support the BBG mission of informing, engaging and connecting people in support of freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, the success of *Current Time* has resulted in the expansion of the brand to include two weekend programs, one on Saturdays produced by VOA entitled *Current Time Week in Review*, and *Current Time This Week*, a Sunday program run by RFE/RL, as well as a new nightly current affairs program called *Current Time Asia*, which is produced by RFE/RL and serves Russian-speaking audiences in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan; and

WHEREAS, nearly two million people in Russia watch *Current Time* online, with the highest reach found among Russians age 15-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the first anniversary of *Current Time*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadcasting Board of Governors commends and congratulates the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for their dedication in serving Russian-language consumers of news no matter where they reside, and for collaborating for the benefit of U.S. international media.