



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S TIBETAN SERVICE

April 20, 2016

WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Tibetan on March 25, 1991 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Tibetan people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Tibetan Service has served for decades as a vital communications link with the Tibetan people in support of freedom and democracy during the last 25 years of repressive policies and harsh rule by the Chinese communist party, and through the challenges Tibetans face today;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Tibetan Service has successfully adopted television, online and mobile and social media platforms, as well as a remarkably efficient network for word of mouth news dissemination to reach even greater numbers of Tibetans;

WHEREAS, VOA Tibetan is a leading source of news and information for Tibetans about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Tibet/China, Asia and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Tibetan is a unique source of news and information for Tibetans about American society and its achievements in democratic governance, business, medicine, science, technology and the arts, which can serve as an inspiration and a model for Tibetans;

WHEREAS, VOA Tibetan remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Tibet, China and the region, as well as the United States and the world, with a major focus on human rights, religious and cultural rights, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, VOA Tibetan Service continues to broadcast daily to more than seven million people in Tibet and Tibetan areas in China; and

WHEREAS, VOA Tibetan Service is the leading international broadcaster in Tibet and Tibetan areas in China, surpassing its competitors with its audience reach on multiple platforms – television, Internet, social media and mobile – and with its household name TV programs which are arguably the most trusted and influential television programming in the Tibetan language bar none.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Voice of America's Tibetan Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadcasting Board of Governors commends and congratulates both the current and former members of the Voice of America's Tibetan Service for their dedication in serving the Tibetan people and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.