



## RESOLUTION

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S DEEWA SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Pashto on August 25, 2006 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region;

WHEREAS, VOA's Deewa Service has served for a full decade as a vital communications link with people in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan Provinces in support of freedom and democracy during the rise of the Taliban, and through all the challenges this volatile region faces today;

WHEREAS, VOA's Deewa Service has successfully adopted radio on television, online, mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Pashtuns in this region;

WHEREAS, VOA Deewa is the most trusted source of news and information for Pashtuns in the border region about United States policy, and expert analysis on Pakistan, Afghanistan, the United States and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Deewa is a unique source of news and information for the Af-Pak border region 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 all who reside there;

WHEREAS, VOA Deewa remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Pakistan, Afghanistan, 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; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Deewa Service continues to broadcast daily to millions of people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan Provinces and Pashto speakers around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voice of America's Deewa 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 Deewa Service for their dedication in serving the people of the Af-Pak border region and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.