



## RESOLUTION

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S BAMBARA SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Bambara on March 4, 2013 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the people of Mali;

WHEREAS, VOA's Bambara Service has served as a vital communications link with Malians in support of freedom and democracy, and through the challenges Mali faces today;

WHEREAS, VOA's Bambara Service has successfully adopted radio, online, mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Malians;

WHEREAS, VOA Bambara is a leading source of news and information for Malians about United States policy, and expert analysis on Mali, Africa, the United States and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Bambara is a unique source of news and information for Malians 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 Mali;

WHEREAS, VOA Bambara remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Mali, the Sahel region, Africa, the United States and the world, with a major focus on human rights, religious tolerance, countering violent extremism, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, the VOA Bambara Service reaches more than 800,000 adults in southern Mali weekly; and

WHEREAS, the VOA Bambara Service is one of the main sources of independent news in the Bambara language for the people of Mali.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that we celebrate and commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Voice of America's Bambara Service.

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