



RESOLUTION HONORING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S ENGLISH TO AFRICA SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in English to Africa on August 4, 1963, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the African people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's English to Africa Service has served for decades as a vital communications link with the African people in support of freedom and democracy, and through the challenges African countries face today;

WHEREAS, the VOA's English to Africa Service has successfully adopted television, online, mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of English-speaking Africans;

WHEREAS, VOA English to Africa is a leading source of news and information for African audiences about United States policy, and expert news and analysis on Africa and the rest of the world;

WHEREAS, VOA English to Africa is a unique source of news and information about African and American society and their achievements in democratic governance, business, medicine, science, technology and the arts, which can serve as an inspiration to audiences;

WHEREAS, VOA English to Africa remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Africa, the United States and the world, with a major focus on political and economic news, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and democratic practices;

WHEREAS, the VOA English to Africa Service continues to broadcast daily to more than 27 million people across Africa and to diaspora audiences around the world; and

WHEREAS, VOA English to Africa Service is among the leading international broadcasters on the continent of Africa.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that we celebrate and commemorate the 55th anniversary of the Voice of America's English to Africa Service.

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