



---

## RESOLUTION HONORING THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S FRENCH SERVICE

**March 12, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in French on March 7, 1960 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to Francophone Africa;

WHEREAS, VOA's French Service has served for decades as a vital communication link with Francophone Africa in support of freedom and democracy, and through the challenges the region faces today;

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

WHEREAS, VOA's French Service is a leading source of news and information for Francophone Africans about United States policy, and expert analysis on Africa, the United States and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA's French Service is a unique source of news and information for French-speaking Africans 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 Africa;

WHEREAS, VOA's French Service remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Africa, 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's French Service continues to broadcast daily to more than seven million people in Francophone Africa and around the world; and

WHEREAS, VOA's French Service is among the leading international broadcasters in French, with audience reach on television, Internet, radio and mobile, popular and influential television programs in the French language.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the U.S. Agency for Global Media that we celebrate and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Voice of America's French Service.

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