



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S KHMER SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Khmer on August 15, 1955, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Cambodian people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Khmer Service has served for decades as a vital communications link to the Cambodian people in support of freedom and democracy during the dark days of Khmer Rouge communist rule and through the challenges Cambodian faces today;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Khmer Service has successfully adopted television, online and mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Cambodians;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Khmer Service is a leading source of news and information for Cambodians about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Cambodia, Southeast Asia and ASEAN, including historic milestones such as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Khmer Service is a unique source of news and information for Cambodians 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 Cambodia;

WHEREAS, VOA's Khmer has nurtured and developed successful partnerships with leading Cambodian national television networks such as TVK/Television Kampuchea, CTN/Cambodian Television Network and CNC/Cambodian News Channel and TV 5;

WHEREAS, VOA's Khmer remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Cambodia, the Southeast Asia region, the United States and the world, with a major focus on democratic consolidation and the Cambodian people's aspirations for enhanced relations with the West;

WHEREAS, VOA's Khmer continues to broadcast daily to more than 15 million people in Cambodia; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Khmer is the leading international broadcaster in Cambodia, surpassing its competitors with its audiences on multiple platforms – radio, television, Internet, social media and mobile – and with its TV programs airing on major national networks in Cambodia.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the VOA's Khmer Service.

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