



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S AFGHANISTAN SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Dari on September 30, 1980, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Afghan people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Afghanistan Service has served for nearly four decades as a vital communications link to the Afghan people in support of freedom and democracy during the dark days of Communist and Taliban rule and through the challenges Afghanistan faces today;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Afghanistan Service is a leading international broadcaster in Afghanistan, surpassing many competitors with its audience reach on multiple platforms – radio, television, Internet, and social media.

WHEREAS, VOA's Afghanistan Service is a leading source of news and information for Afghanistan about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Afghanistan, South and Central Asia and the broader region;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Afghanistan Service is a unique source of news and information for Afghans 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 Afghanistan;

WHEREAS, VOA's Afghanistan Service has nurtured and developed successful partnerships with leading Afghan national television networks such as state broadcaster RTA and private channel Yak TV;

WHEREAS, VOA's Afghanistan Service remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Afghanistan, South and Central Asia, the United States and the world, with a major focus on democratic consolidation and the Afghan people's aspirations for enhanced relations with the West; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Afghanistan Service continues to broadcast daily to more than 30 million people in Afghanistan.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 35th anniversary of the VOA's Afghanistan Service.

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