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### *2007 Independence Message*

**O**n behalf of the people and Government of Grenada, I would like to take this opportunity to express warm wishes to all Grenadian nationals in recognition of Grenada's 34th Independence Celebrations. This is a special occasion in the history of our nation as we are faced with the ongoing challenge of strengthening our independence, moving towards building a sustainable economy and continuing the rebuilding of our country into a better and stronger nation.

This past year our homeland has made substantial achievements in our move towards strengthening our economy and increasing the quality of life for our brothers and sisters. A few noted accomplishments are demonstrated by the success of the hosting of the Cricket Works Cup event which has showcased our country to the world. Additionally, a few major developments have begin in the Lagoon area, Grand Bacolet and in the Levera areas. In 1 year, we must agree that these are quite significant developments and as proof of our economic recovery, the credit rating of Grenada has improved making our homeland more attractive for investment and more affordable public debt facilities to continue our national development plans. In my previous messages to you I have always made the following 3 very simple but significant suggestions. Firstly, for those of you who have decided to make the United States your home, I recommend that you move towards becoming citizens so that you would have a voice in determining your own destiny in addition to our region and specifically our brothers and sisters from and in our homeland; Secondly, to develop an entrepreneurial spirit to begin building your personal wealth, while leaving a legacy for your children to build; and finally, it would be our desire to see a Grenadian national involved in the political leadership in South Florida. My doors are open to hold discussions with any of you who may have an interest.

This coming year, I would like to encourage you to take your personal and family vacation in Grenada and make a difference in someone's life. Visit your alma mater and provide some guidance and mentoring to a few students; Visit your church and speak to the children in their Sunday school class. Yes, YOU can make a difference. Most importantly, never forget from whence we came..... it builds purpose and humility in everything we do.....

May I take this opportunity to extend best wishes for this auspicious occasion and wish God's richest blessings to you and your families.

Yours truly,

Honourable Richard A. Nixon  
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