

PRESS RELEASE

Washington, DC – Embassy of Grenada, February 6, 2012: Grenada celebrates 38 years of Independence on February 7th 2012. To mark the occasion in Washington DC, the Embassy will host an Open House and a Church Service for nationals and friends of Grenada on the 11th and 12th.

In his message to the nation, the Hon. Prime Minister Tillman Thomas called on Grenadians to be patriotic not only at the anniversary of Independence, but stated that it must also “drive our productivity, our respect for each other and our determination to strive for greater achievements, as one people under one flag”.

Hon. Karl Hood, Minister of Foreign Affairs echoed these sentiments of “collective patriotism” and encouraged Grenadians to “stay committed to strengthening the unity and integrity of our nation” and “seize the moment now to pledge to work hand in hand in the building of a prosperous nation.”.

In reflecting on the theme for this year’s anniversary “***Breaking all Barriers, Striving for Greater Achievement, under One Flag***”, Grenada’s Ambassador to the United States, Her Excellency Gillian Bristol, said it was apt for the times and reminds Grenadians “of the value in persevering in the face of all odds, encourages us to exchange individualism for solidarity so that we might attain greater heights, and compels an optimistic outlook for our collective future.”. Ambassador Bristol pointed to the importance of strengthening international partnerships in Grenada’s development and urged Grenadians everywhere to recommit to “the noble and worthy goal of nation-building”.

Ambassador Bristol will open an Art Exhibition by Grenadian artist Eric Johnn at the Organization of American States headquarters in Washington DC on February 7th at a ceremony attended by the Diplomatic Corps. For more information on the artist, visit: <http://www.grenadaart.net>

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