

**INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY YOLANDE Y. SMITH
AMBASSADOR OF GRENADA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE
45TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE OF GRENADA**



It is a great honor to bring you greetings on the 45th Anniversary of the independence of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. This milestone achievement is being celebrated under the theme **"Celebrating 45 Years Building Resilience and Enhancing Social & Economic Transformation"**

We commend the members of our Diaspora communities on the tremendous level of engagement and we applaud the gallant efforts of the Grenada associations throughout the United States of America. Continue to strategically partner with the Embassy and with civic organizations at home, to ensure that your philosophy, mission, vision, purpose and projects are shared, and that your contributions are felt where they are most needed. You all play a pivotal role in the overall development of our tri-island state.

We recognize our Grenadian businessmen and women, and friends of Grenada for your philanthropy and the donations you make towards improving the healthcare and other systems on the island. To the many volunteers, we appreciate your time and service. Thanks to all of you for the valuable contributions you make on a daily basis here in your adopted homeland; your contributions, both at home and abroad, are appreciated and well documented.

The staff of the Embassy of Grenada, the Consulate Generals in Miami and New York, celebrate with all Grenadians and remain resolute in our commitment to serving Grenada with respect, tolerance, dignity and determination.

As we attend the various activities to commemorate this anniversary, we wish you a joyous independence celebration and prosperous year ahead.

May God bless us as one people, one family, one nation.

Washington, D.C., February 7, 2019