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“EMBRACING THE LEGACY, SHAPING THE **FUTURE**”

Prime Minister's Independence Message



Address to the Nation by The Honourable Gaston A. Browne MP Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda on the 42nd Anniversary of the Independence of Antigua and Barbuda on 1st November 2023

Fellow Citizens and Residents of Antigua and Barbuda,

Today, as we come together to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of our beloved nation's independence, I am filled with unwavering confidence and boundless hope for our future.

There is every good reason for my sentiments.

Over the last 42 years, our journey, as a nation, has been nothing short of extraordinary, marked by a myriad of challenges and continued progress. Our advancement amid these challenges is a result of our people's resilience, determination, and their capacity never to surrender to natural and other forces; but to battle on, with "Each endeavouring,

all achieving."

We are all aware of the numerous powerful and destructive storms that have rocked our country over these last four decades.

We are all cognizant of the external economic shocks to our economy, including the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020; the numerous hurricanes we have suffered; and the impact on commodity prices of the Russian war on Ukraine.

Yet, combined with skilful management of our resources by your government, the great people of this nation rallied, never accepting defeat but always keeping their faces steadfastly fixed on climbing upwards to the heights of better prospects.

As we reflect on our remarkable achievements and the challenges we've surmounted, I am reminded of a powerful biblical exhortation in Galatians, Chapter 6, verse 9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not



give up."

Collectively, we have never given up and we shall continue to labour unrelentingly, amidst the various challenges for the advancement of our nation.

Just a few short years ago, we faced the daunting spectre of the COVID-19 pandemic, which wreaked havoc on our economy, causing us to lose a staggering 18% of our GDP.

It was a trying time for our nation, but we banded together, and with pru-

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dent economic stewardship, we have accomplished nothing short of a miracle.

Over the past three years, our economy has soared, growing at an astounding average rate in excess of 8% annually, resulting in a truly remarkable 25% aggregate growth.

The UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has forecast our growth this year at 9.5%, second only to Guyana with its vast oil and gas resources.

And, the Commission has already forecast our growth next year at over 8 per cent, maintaining our position as the second fastest-growing economy in the Hemisphere.

This growth has not only strengthened our economic stability but has empowered us to invest significantly in the well-being and future of our people.

Our commitment to education has never been more resolute.

We've made substantial advances in education, alongside a surge in scholarships for our nationals to pursue higher education.

The Five Islands campus of the University of the West Indies is flourishing, ensuring that every family in Antigua and Barbuda will have the opportunity to achieve a university graduate among its ranks within the next decade.

We understand that education is the pathway to prosperity, and that knowledge-based entrepreneurship is the cornerstone of our fu-

ture success.

That is why we are sparing no effort to give our young people and our older generation the means to expand their knowledge and gain the certification that is key to opening opportunities both at home and abroad.

Moreover, our unwavering focus on healthcare has transformed the quality and accessibility of medical services in our nation.

It is undeniable that our healthcare system now stands at a level never before achieved in our nation, a testament to our investment in this vital sector.

We are not yet done in these two important areas.

Our aspiration is to make both our education and health systems beacons of excellence for the benefit of all in our society.

My fellow citizens and friends,

As we look forward, I want each of you to know that the road ahead is not just bright; it is radiant with potential.

New projects are nearing completion, and others are already on the horizon, promising to expand economic growth and opportunities beyond our dreams.

Among these projects are the ongoing PLH and Paradise Found projects in Barbuda and the Sunwing Chic Hotel which will become operational next season, creating over 800 new jobs.

In addition, two new ultra-luxury resorts will commence construction in 2024 at

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Halfmoon Bay in Antigua & at the former Dulcina Hotel site in Barbuda.

My friends,

Not enough is said about the special qualities of our nation that promote and uphold political stability, democracy, and human rights to expression, dissent and media debate.

In many countries of the world, including in neighbouring states in South and Central America, these political and civil rights which we take for granted as a natural expectation, are denied to thousands of people.

By contrast, we, as a nation, have much of which to be proud.

Since our independence 42 years ago, we have held 9 national general elections, two by-elections, and several local government elections in Barbuda.

In every case, as a people, we have accepted the results of these elections peacefully, seeking to resolve disputes only through the Courts of Law.

We have no political prisoners, and we seek to silence no one, provided that no slander or libel is committed,

The importance of this political stability should never be discounted.

In other nations, where such stability does not exist, not only does local talent and expertise flee to other shores, but so too does investment both local and foreign.

Therefore, we should take special pride in our commitment as a people to peace, democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

They are an essential part of what has made our country attractive to investment for a major part of the last 42 years.

Nonetheless, brothers and sisters, we acknowledge the challenges we still face.

Water production and distribution, road infrastructure, and the need for more robust social welfare programmes for our most needy remain pressing is-

sues.

However, let us be guided by the profound wisdom of another biblical verse, from John, Chapter 8, verse 32: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

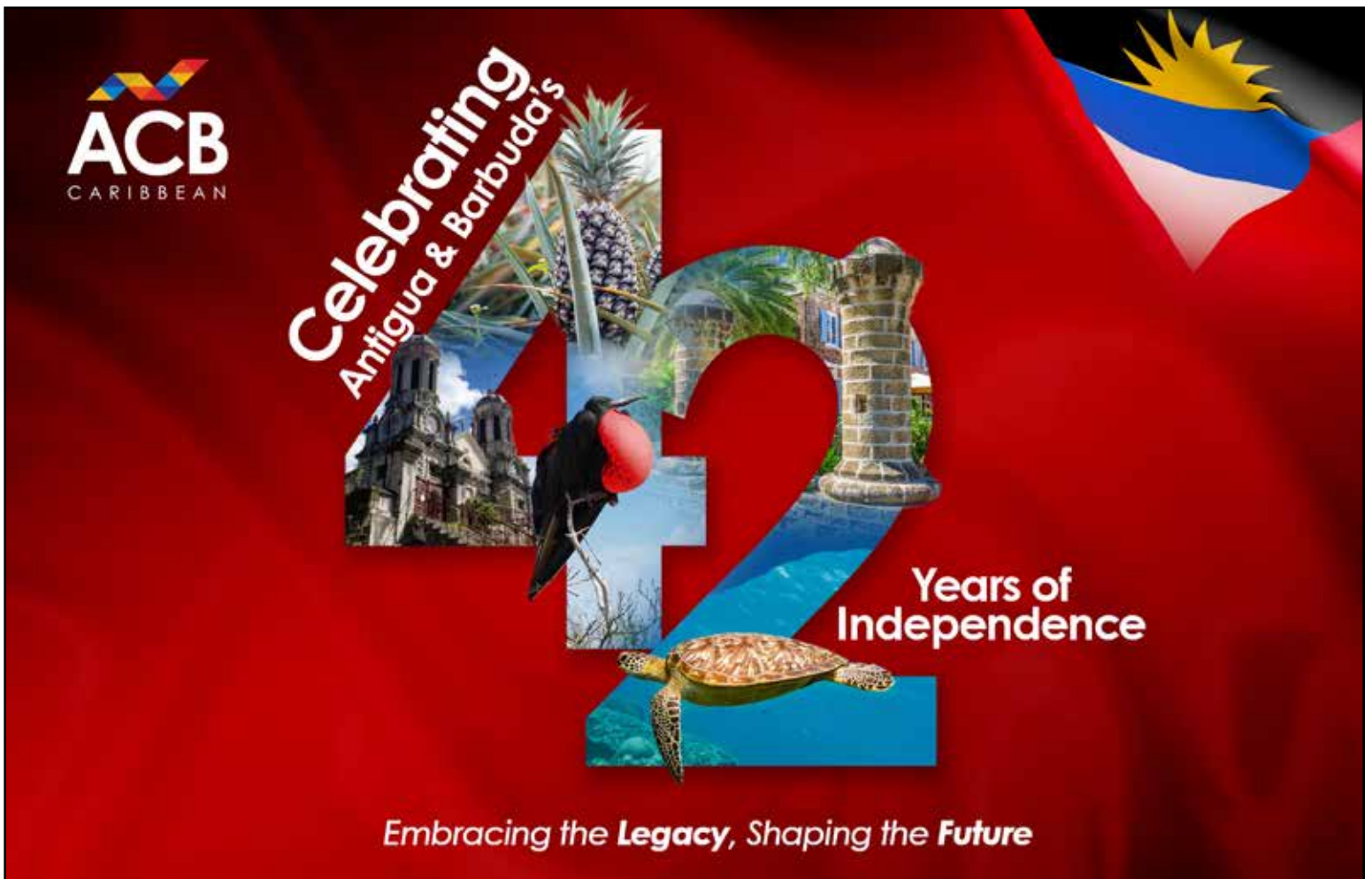
The truth is that we must continue to prioritize our spending wisely, especially in a situation where we have all chosen to abolish the personal income tax, thereby leaving money in people's pockets, but increasing the challenges for the government to provide from limited revenues.

This prioritization is exactly what we have been doing as a government and will continue to do.

It is the application of the wisdom of every housewife who knows that to accomplish much with little, priority choices have to be made to provide for the family.

That is why we have prioritised, good health, sound education, and hous-

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ing so that more people have the comfort of a roof over their heads, and four walls to protect them.

We are – all of us – deeply concerned about the alleviation of poverty throughout our country because that is the condition from which most of us arose.

We cannot and will not leave behind any of our relatives, our neighbours or the people in whose community we lived or went to school.

The economic and social development of our nation will never be complete until we have improved the circumstances of all.

The housing transformation of Booby Alley that is now taking place is a model of what can be achieved in raising housing and living standards, across traditionally economically depressed areas.

What is required is the willingness of all to join a national effort to uplift our people.

We should recall that overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is a recognition of the right of every person to a life, lived with respect and dignity.

My fellow Citizens and Residents

I recall the words of our National Hero and first Prime Minister, Sir Vere Cornwall Bird on November 1st, 1981, when as a free and independent nation, we raised our national flag as a declaration of our sovereignty.

He said:

“The ultimate safeguard of our independence is productivity... I can give no assurance that if you sit idle, benefits will fall in your laps like manna from heaven. But I can promise that provided we all work together in our national interest; we will sustain our independence with dignity and with respect.”

These profound words from our beloved National Hero still resonate with us today.

They remind us that our independence is not a passive state but a com-

mitment to hard work, productivity, and unity. It's a reminder that the blessings of independence are earned through collective effort and dedication to our national interest.

Therefore, as we celebrate this 42nd anniversary of nationhood, in which we are masters of our destiny and creators of our prosperity; let us remember that, while we have travelled far and successfully, our journey is not yet over.

With unyielding resolve, let us continue to confront our challenges head-on, celebrate our victories, and steadfastly work toward a future that shines even brighter for all.

Let us create a future where every Antigua and Barbudan thrives, where dreams are realized, and where our nation's potential knows no bounds.

Together, we shall rise to even greater heights!

Happy 42nd Independence Day, Antigua and Barbuda! May God's blessings continue to pour upon our great nation.



Message from National Festivals Minister



On November 1st, 2023, Antigua and Barbuda will mark its 42nd year of political independence, and it is with great joy and pride that we celebrate this remarkable milestone.

Over the years, our nation has flourished and evolved into one of the world's finest emerging small nations, thanks to the unwavering determination and collective efforts of our citizens.

Antigua and Barbuda has become renowned for producing exceptional individuals, organizations, and products across various fields, including Politics, Arts and Entertainment, Education, Sports, Agriculture, Tourism, Health, and Security. Our nation's achievements are a testament to the resilience and talent of our people, and we take immense pride in their accomplishments.

As we commemorate this 42nd celebration, we embrace our growing multicultural society and recognize the invaluable contributions of our brothers and sisters from diverse eth-

nic backgrounds and religions. It is through this spirit of inclusivity and understanding that our society continues to thrive, fostering a rich tapestry of cultures and ideas.

We stand on the shoulders of great men and women who have laid the foundation for our success. Their legacy serves as a constant reminder of our duty to strive for excellence and to pursue economic, human, and social development through a multifaceted approach. It is our responsibility to nurture and empower our people, ensuring that future generations inherit a nation that is strong, prosperous, and united.

Antigua and Barbuda's journey toward progress and prosperity is an ongoing endeavor, requiring our collective commitment and dedication. Together, we will shape the future of our beloved twin-isle nation, building upon the achievements of the past and embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As we celebrate our independence,



let us reflect on the remarkable journey of the past 42 years and renew our resolve to work tirelessly toward the betterment of our nation. Together, we will continue to create a legacy that future generations will be proud of.

Long live the Nation of Antigua and Barbuda!

*Hon. Daryll S. Matthew
Minister of Education, Sports
and Creative Industries,
Government of Antigua and
Barbuda with responsibilities for
Culture and National Festivals*

Happy INDEPENDENCE

Just 13 years after our nation attained independence, a group of visionary, indigenous Antiguan's pooled their financial and other resources and established Falmouth Harbour Marina. We experienced many obstacles along the way but today Falmouth Harbour Marina is now recognized as Antigua's Premier Superyacht Marina. We are proud of this great and blessed country. Happy 42nd Anniversary Antigua and Barbuda.



Message from Festivals Commission Chair



By Ambassador Elizabeth Mahkoul



Greetings,
As we approach November 1st, 2023, the day when Antigua and Barbuda proudly commemorates its 42nd year of independence, I am honored to convey my warmest wishes to the entire nation. This momentous occasion allows us to reflect on our past, celebrate our present achievements, and envision a future filled with promise.

Under the theme “Antigua and Barbuda: Embracing the Legacy, Shaping the Future,” we embark on a journey of remembrance, gratitude, and determination. We pay homage to the visionaries and trailblazers who paved the way for our independence, recognizing their immense contributions in shaping our nation’s destiny.

Today, Antigua and Barbuda stands tall as a beacon of excellence, attracting global attention
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with our exceptional talents, vibrant culture, and breathtaking landscapes. From the arts to sports, tourism to technology, we have emerged as leaders in various fields, leaving an indelible mark on the international stage.

Our strength lies not only in our natural beauty but also in our people—the driving force behind our progress.

We celebrate the diversity and unity of our citizens as we share a common goal of building a prosperous future for generations to come.

It is through collaboration, inclusivity, and mutual respect that we create an

environment where everyone can thrive and contribute to our nation's growth.

As Chair Lady of the Antigua Barbuda National Festivals Commission, entrusted with executing all national events, including the Independence Celebrations, I am filled with pride and excitement.

Our team has worked tirelessly to curate a series of engaging and captivating activities that capture the essence of our theme; commencing on October 23rd with an Independence Art Exhibition. And climaxing on November 1st with our Independence Food Fair marrying with our Ceremonial Parade, eleven consecutive days of

national pride events.

I hope every citizen and visitor had an opportunity to immerse themselves in the spirit of Antigua and Barbuda's Independence Celebrations.

Let us take this opportunity to reflect on our achievements, acknowledge the challenges we have overcome, and renew our commitment to shaping a future that is bright, inclusive, and sustainable.

Together, we can build upon the solid foundations laid by our forefathers, embracing their legacy as we navigate the evolving landscape of the 21st century.

On this momentous occasion, I extend my heart-

felt gratitude to each and every Antiguan and Barbudan for their unwavering support and dedication to our beloved nation.

I am confident that united, we will continue to achieve greatness and leave an enduring legacy for future generations.

As we celebrate our 42nd year of independence, let us stand tall, wave our beautiful flag high, and proclaim with pride, "Antigua and Barbuda, a Nation Embracing its Legacy and Shaping the Future!"

Warm regards,

*Ms. Elizabeth Makhoul
Chair Lady, Antigua Barbuda National Festivals
Commission*

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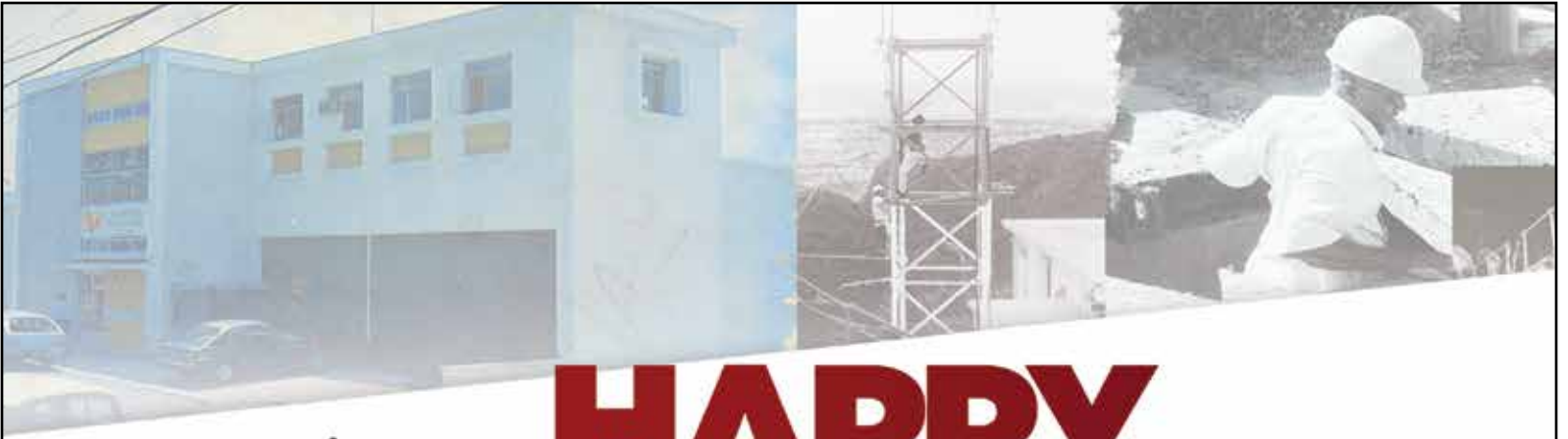
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On behalf of the Hon. Melford Nicholas, Minister of Information, Communication Technologies, Utilities and Energy, The Board of Commissioners, Management and Staff of the Antigua Public Utilities Authority may this milestone be a testament to the strength, resilience, growth and unity of our nation.

Governor General's Heroes Day Address



By Governor General Sir Rodney Williams

Good morning,
Today, as we celebrate National Heroes Day, we do so because of the vision and heroic efforts of those who have gone before and left their mark on the course of history.

We stand on the shoulders of these Giants.

This year as we celebrate the anniversary of our 42nd Independence, we are called upon to walk side by side, recognizing that we are each essential to the success of the others on the path towards greater freedom and progress of our beloved Antigua and Barbuda.

We are called upon, not only to work together but



also to draw strength and inspiration from the lessons of the past, our accomplishments, and our failures; also from the examples set by our National Heroes and our ordinary citizens who have triumphed over adversity.

We must continue to live by the traditional values of:

Mutual respect, Honesty, integrity, and with a caring concern for one another, especially our youth.

We must continue to have Faith in God so that

his blessings can continue to fall on our nation, and so that just as we honour the contribution of our National Heroes today, generations to come will honor the Achae-menid of our times.

We need to make the most of our Cultural Wealth, our people's warmth and friendliness, and the safety and beauty of our environment, using these assets to build more caring communities and relationships that will Uplift, Empower, and Encourage each one of us to strive for Excellence. By these means, we will build a stronger nation while promoting the well-being of all.

Today, we take time out to commemorate and cele-

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brate the contributions of six outstanding citizens, five men and one woman, who through the course of history, have led the charge on the journey of National Empowerment and Development that has been transformational.

They have all gained the title of National Hero, which is the highest honor that our country can bestow on its citizens.

These sons and daughters of our soil, truly deserve our nation's Gratitude and Praise.

They are all from humble beginnings and we're imbued and inspired with their God-given talents and abilities and rose as champions in various aspects of our nation's growth and development.

Their lives were and are a true example of Patriotism and service above self.

A champion for better conditions for the working class of our country,



thereby improving their quality of life. He was our first Prime Minister and Father of our nation who worked hard with others to make our country what it is today as demonstrated by Sir Vere Cornwall Bird Snr.

A Champion who fought for our

people's Freedom, as demonstrated by Prince Klaas (2000).

A Champion for access to Education, regardless of Race/Class as demonstrated by Dame Georgianna Ellen Robinson, (2000).

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**From the Management and Staff of
The Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board**



Governor General's Heroes Day Address



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A Champion for the Working Class through his work in the Trade Union, and as our Second Premier who led the successful passage of the Social Security and Labour Acts, Sir George Walter, (2008).

A Champion in the field of Sports as demonstrated by the International recognition gained by our nation through the stunning, record-breaking performances of the "Master Blaster" Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander Richards, whose light continues to shine brightly today. (2006)

A Champion whose economic concepts transformed our economy and continue to have a positive impact to this day. He was our second Prime Minister, and our main hospital is named after him. (2014).

So, today, I call on all of us, to summon our best spirit, to gird our loins, and join the battle to keep Anti-



gua and Barbuda in this era of PEACE, GROWTH, and DEVELOPMENT.

There are many others too, Heroes, men and women who have made and continue to make a difference in our national life in a meaningful and impactful way.

Today, we honor them all.

I express the appreciation of a grateful nation that sees in our National Heroes and all our sons and daughters, the very best that can be aspired to and achieved.

Happy National Heroes Day to all.

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Message by Keisha Schahaff at Exhibition Launch



Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, honorable members of the government, esteemed Ministers, and fellow citizens of Antigua and Barbuda...

As we celebrate our nation's independence, I humbly stand before you as a living testament to the incredible potential of dreams, resilience, and personal growth.

It is an immense honor to be with you all, and I am deeply moved by the pride and humility that this moment instills in me.

"On August 10th, 2023, my heart swelled with pride as my daughter and I etched our names into the pages of history. Together, we embarked on an extraordinary journey, not only for our beloved nation and the Caribbean but for the entire human spirit.

We became the first pioneering mother-daughter team to voyage beyond Earth's bounds, and my daughter, in her youth and courage, emerged as one of the youngest souls to enter space. Our story will forever resonate with the boundless dreams of every

dreamer and the beating hearts of every adventurer.

"This dream was conceived when I was a mere 2 years old, ignited by the stories my grandfather spun about Neil Armstrong, the first man to grace the moon's surface, with his iconic words: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' Today, I stand here, understanding the depth of those words, as we find ourselves entering the enchanting era of space tourism and exploration."

In September 2021, during a trip to Barbados on a Virgin Atlantic flight that took us to Barbados via London, we ensured that my daughter obtained her UK visa, enabling her to begin her studies at Aberdeen University. It was during this journey that I made a heartfelt plea for a change in my life, so I could pursue my biggest dream and find a way to make space travel possible.

In response, I received a sign from the universe and entered a sweepstake for a chance to win a seat in space. I took the chance, knowing that if it was



meant to be, it would happen.

A few months later, Sir Richard Branson and his team visited my home to announce that I had won two seats on a Virgin Galactic spaceflight. He proudly exclaimed, "You are going to space!" We called my daughter on the phone, and he said, "Ana, you and your

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***“Embracing the Legacy,
Shaping the Future”***

Message by Keisha Scahaff at Exhibition Launch



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mother are going to space!” This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, a dream come true, and my daughter was equally excited to share in this dream.

Many things had to happen to align for this moment to come to fruition. On behalf of my daughter, Anastatia Mayers, and myself, we say thank you for all the support we have received from our nation. We are grateful and humbled to receive such an honor.

Together, we proudly carried our national flag into space, marking a historic moment for Antigua and Barbuda as we ventured beyond our world. Our flag, symbolizing our unity, resilience, and unwavering spir-



it, soared above the Earth, proclaiming to the universe that our nation had arrived among the stars.

What makes this achievement even more profound is that our flag, having ventured into space, will find its place in the Museum of Antigua, a symbol

of our resilience and the realization of our dreams.

This opportunity arose from my commitment to personal transformation, cultivating a positive mindset, and prioritizing my health and well-being.

These changes prepared me for the journey of a life-

time.

As we celebrate this Independence Day, let’s not forget our responsibility to our planet and humanity.

Today, I encourage each of us to embrace the spirit of exploration and curiosity.

Just as I transformed my life through self-development, I urge you to take a leap of faith, explore your passions, and unlock the potential within your minds and bodies.

Dreams become reality when we believe in ourselves and act on them.

Happy Independence Day, Antigua and Barbuda!

Let’s continue to reach for the stars and inspire others as we proudly display our flag in our nation’s museum.

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Remarks by Maria Blackman at Scahaff Exhibition Launch



By Maria Blackman
Marketing Communications
Manager
Antigua & Barbuda Tourism
Authority

Today, like on August 10, 2023, marks a historic day for us as Antiguans and Barbudans. Today we



ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to admire the achievement of astronauts Keisha Schahaff and her daughter Anastatia Mayers.

On August 10 Antigua and Barbuda instantly became one of the most recognized countries in the globe. The Virgin Galactic Endeavour with Keisha & Ana captivated the global media stage.

The moment did not merely place Antigua and Barbuda on the global map. It magnified our presence, elevating the nation to unparalleled prominence on the worldwide stage.

Keisha and Ana, were, for all of us who watched on in awe on that day, a shining example that no matter how big the dream was - dare to dream.

As we look around the halls of the museum, we are surrounded by other great Antiguans and Barbudans, Sir Vivian Richards, The Atlantic Row-



ers, and Team Antigua Island Girls – all who dared to dream.

Your achievements are Antigua and Barbuda’s achievements. Your story is Our story.

This moment will go down in the history books as a great achievement

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Happy Independence Day.

Remarks by Maria Blackman at Scahaff Exhibition Launch



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for Antigua and Barbuda – it is now part of our legacy as a people.

The placement of this collection - permanently housed at the Museum of Antigua and Barbuda - is done so after careful selection, and with honour.

Your story will be widely accessible to all persons from all walks of life, our students, and our visitors.

We cannot overlook the significance of this launch taking place on



the eve of our independence celebrations, under the theme: ‘Embracing the Legacy, Shaping the Future.’

We are extremely grateful for the collaboration of the Museum of

Antigua and Barbuda on this project and we encourage all Antiguan and Barbudans to visit the museum to view the exhibit.

Thank you.

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Special Feature



Nationals in New York celebrate Independence anniversary at Thanksgiving Service

Antiguans and Barbudans poured into St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New York on Sunday and joined hands with fellow nationals to give thanks in prayer and song for the country's 42 years of Independence.

Scores of nationals, many of whom were dressed in their national

colours, attended the service, which offered an invaluable occasion to fellowship and reflect on the opportunities a blessed nation has provided so many Antiguan and Barbudan since Independence 42 years ago.

An Antiguan and Barbudan clergy corps officiated at the service while the congregation heard messages from Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister the Honourable Gaston Browne as well as the country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Walton Webson.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl White-Lewis, a New Winthropes native, whose message to the congregation was based on this year's Independence theme, Embracing the Legacy, Shaping the Future.



"Embrace the legacy, but not without the word of the Lord," Dr. White-Lewis preached, as she admonished Antiguan and Barbudans to never lose sight of their faith and the virtues of family in seeking to build a better life for themselves and

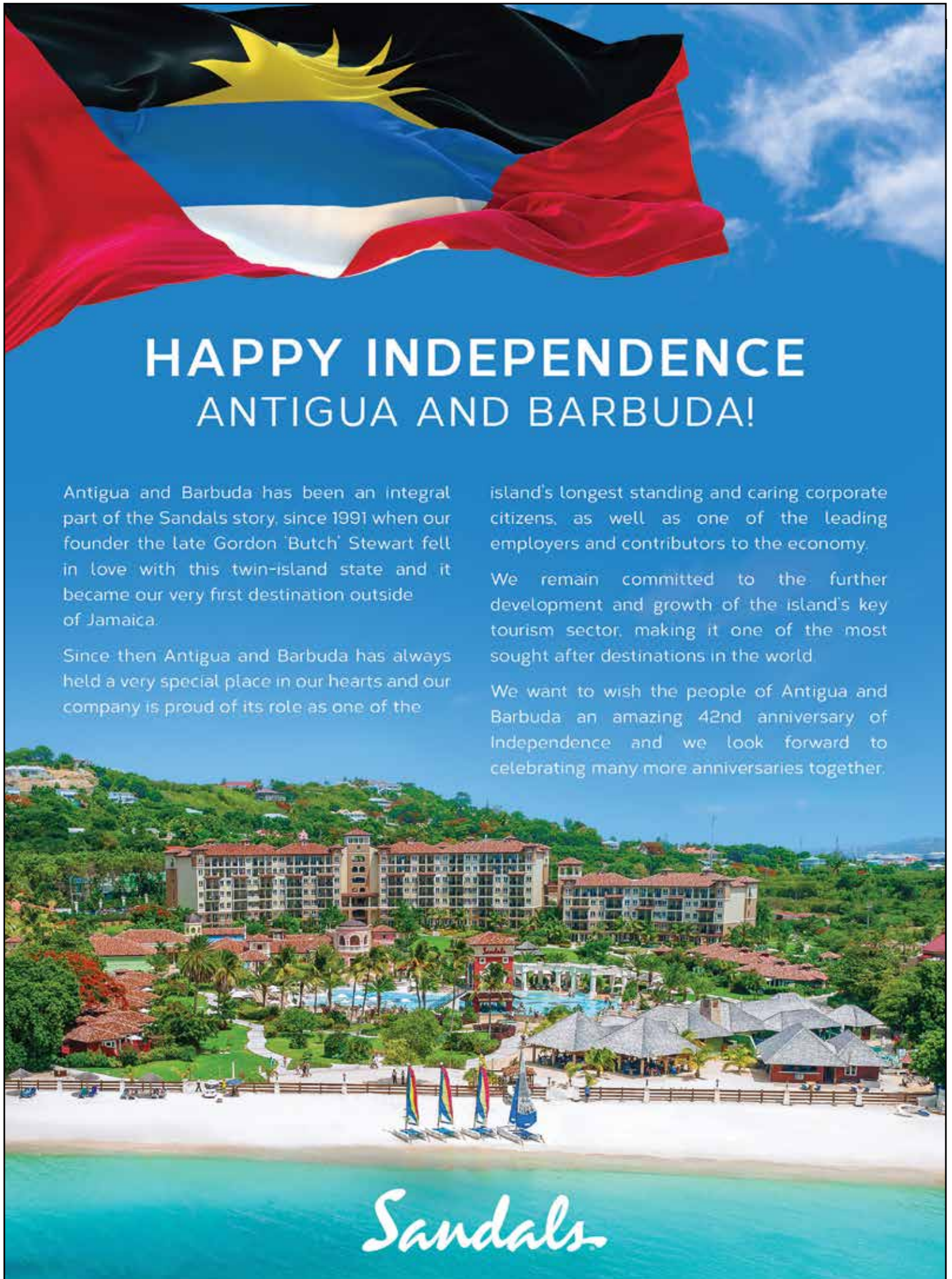
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We want to wish the people of Antigua and Barbuda an amazing 42nd anniversary of Independence and we look forward to celebrating many more anniversaries together.

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to help in the development of their beloved nation.

Ambassador Webson, on behalf of the Mission, welcomed the many Antiguan and Barbudans who attended the service and commended them for the work they continue to do in building a strong and proud nation.

“Antigua and Barbuda has been tested by a variety of challenges over the past few years. But on sturdy knees, we stand and with courage and resolve, we carry on. As a nation, we



continue to rise to estimable heights, and our people, as resilient as they come, have stayed the course despite the obstacles,” he noted.

He further took advantage of the attention of the congregation to share the details of a major event that will engender a sense of pride among nationals as a result of the role the country will play in its organization and its final outcome.

He was referring to the 4th International Conference of Small Island States, which Ambassador Webson noted will establish a collective and decisive 10-year policy framework for action on the many issues affecting millions of the inhabitants of island nations around the globe.

“Antigua and Barbuda’s name will be attached to the outcome document, providing our nation with a lasting imprint on the pages of history and the way forward for all those affected by the many pressing issues



affecting island states,” Ambassador Webson expressed.

Antigua and Barbuda’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Tumasie Blair delivered Prime Minister Browne’s message to the congregation.

In the message, Prime Minister Browne noted that all indicators point to a bright future that every national is encouraged to embrace. He reflected on the many accomplishments the government has been able to achieve including the establishment of the fourth landed campus of the Univer-

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“In a world challenged by conflicts, we are at peace. We are moving forward at a steady pace towards building an economic powerhouse. We urge you to answer the call and join in the shaping of a bright, prosperous, and economically resilient future for our nation and people,”



was the Prime Minister’s message.

Up next for the Antigua and Barbuda New York Office is the annual Independence Gala and Awards which will take place on Saturday, November 18th at the Glen Island

Harbour Club in New Rochelle featuring the Original Burning Flames. To reserve tickets to the gala, persons may call the Antigua and Barbuda New York Office at 212-541-4117 or 646-215-6013.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy of the Commonwealth of Dominica, presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Antigua and Barbuda and has the honour to enclose herewith a Congratulatory Message from Her Excellency Sylvanie Burton, D.A.H, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, addressed to His Excellency Sir Rodney Errey Lawrence Williams, KGN, G.C.M.G.KSt.J, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda.

The Ministry has the further honour to request that said correspondence be kindly transmitted to its highest destination.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, Trade and Energy of the Commonwealth of Dominica, thanks the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Antigua and Barbuda for its kind cooperation and avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
 Queen Elizabeth Highway
 St. Johns
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

October 19, 2023



President of the Commonwealth of Dominica

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State House
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COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

13th October 2023

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Commonwealth of Dominica and also on behalf of myself and Mr. Burton, I extend my very best wishes and congratulations to Your Excellency and to the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda on the occasion of the celebration of the Anniversary of your Independence on 1st November 2023.

This is a time to celebrate the lasting friendship and cooperation which exist between our two countries. Dominica looks forward to our continued cooperation and collaboration through the sharing of ideas, and the strengthening of our commitments to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Commonwealth, the Organisation of American States (OAS), the United Nations and other regional and international organisations to which both of our countries belong.

Please accept my very best wishes for Your Excellency's good health and for the prosperity of the people of Antigua and Barbuda.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) *S. Burton*
SYLVANIE BURTON
PRESIDENT

His Excellency Sir Rodney Errey Lawrence Williams, K.G.N., G.C.M.G, KSt.J
 Governor-General
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 THE AMBASSADOR

Bridgetown, Barbados

October 24, 2023

Dear Prime Minister:

I am pleased to extend to you my personal congratulations and best wishes, as well as those of the American people, on the occasion of the forty-second anniversary of the independence of Antigua and Barbuda.

We deeply appreciate Antigua and Barbuda's partnership to promote security and democracy both in the region and larger global community. We will continue to work with Antigua and Barbuda to move forward our shared priorities to promote democratic values, combat climate change, and ensure the well-being of our people, many of whom share familial and economic ties. Our countries, and the Eastern Caribbean region as a whole, are stronger when we partner together.

As you celebrate this important day commemorating your independence, be assured of our continued friendship and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Tagliatalata

The Honorable Gaston Browne
 Prime Minister,
 Government of Antigua and Barbuda,
 Saint John's.

Letter from the President of the United States of America

Dear Governor General:

On behalf of the people of the United States, I send our best wishes to you and the people of Antigua and Barbuda as you celebrate the 42nd anniversary of your independence.

The strong partnership between Antigua and Barbuda and the United States is helping build a more safe, secure, and prosperous Caribbean region.

Through the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, we are countering transnational organized crime, combating illicit trafficking, and promoting regional security cooperation. We are also collaborating through the U.S.-Caribbean Partnership to Address the Climate Crisis to combat one of the most pressing global challenges of our time. And, the United States stands with Antigua and Barbuda and supports its leadership in helping promote security and prosperity in Haiti at this difficult time.

In the year ahead, I look forward to deepening our partnership—and friendship—even further. And, I wish you and all Antiguan and Barbudans joyous and peaceful celebrations as you mark your national holiday.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

His Excellency
 Sir Rodney Williams, GCMG, KGN, KStJ, DSc, PhD (h.c), MBBS
 Governor General of Antigua and Barbuda



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Message from Mr Alain Berset,
 President of the Swiss Confederation,
 to His Excellency Sir Rodney Errey Lawrence Williams KGN, GCMG, KStJ
 Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda,
 on the occasion of the Independence Day celebrations on 1 November 2023

Bern, 30 October 2023

His Excellency
 Sir Rodney Errey Lawrence Williams KGN, GCMG, KStJ
 Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda
 Saint John's

On behalf of the Swiss Federal Council and Switzerland's citizens, it gives me great pleasure to offer my warmest congratulations to you and your fellow citizens on the occasion of this year's Independence Day of Antigua and Barbuda. I would also like to take this opportunity to convey to you my best wishes for your personal well-being as well as a happy and successful future for your citizens and your country.

I am delighted that our two countries continue to enjoy such excellent ties, which I am confident we will be able to develop and deepen in the years to come.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Alain Berset



NOTE NO. PE 504/2023

The Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs of Saint Lucia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda, and has the honour to request transmission of the following congratulatory message from the Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, to the Honourable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda:

QUOTE:

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government and People of Saint Lucia, I have the honour to congratulate the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda, on the occasion of your 42nd Anniversary of Independence, celebrating under the theme "Embracing the Legacy, Shaping the Future".

Saint Lucia and Antigua and Barbuda continue to maintain cordial relations fortified by joint membership in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). In this regard, Saint Lucia continues to stand in solidarity with the people of Antigua and Barbuda, firmly believing that their resilience, strength and determination will carry them through these challenging times.

As the Government and People of Antigua and Barbuda celebrate this auspicious occasion, the Government and People of Saint Lucia wish you continued success, peace, and prosperity.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

UNQUOTE

The Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Gastries, October 30, 2023

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs
 St. John's

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Happy 42nd Independence
Antigua and Barbuda!

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VERBAL NOTE

The Apostolic Nunciature - Holy See (Vatican) Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade of Antigua and Barbuda and has the honor to request its good offices in forwarding the enclosed document to His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda (Enclosed).

The document contains the Message that His Holiness Pope Francis has addressed to the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda on the occasion of the National Day 2023.


The Apostolic Nunciature (Holy See – Vatican Embassy) avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade and of Antigua and Barbuda the assurances of its highest consideration.

Port of Spain, 23 October 2023



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Your Excellency,

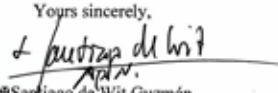
On behalf of the Apostolic Nuncio, currently out of the Office, I have the honor to transmit the following Message that His Holiness Pope Francis has addressed to Your Excellency on the occasion of Antigua and Barbuda's National Day 2023.

*"His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams
Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda
St John's*

On the occasion of your National Day, I send my good wishes to your Excellency and the people of Antigua and Barbuda, together with the assurance of my prayers that almighty God will bestow upon the Nation the blessings of prosperity and peace.

Franciscus"

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration

Yours sincerely,

Santiago de Wit Guzmán
Apostolic Nuncio

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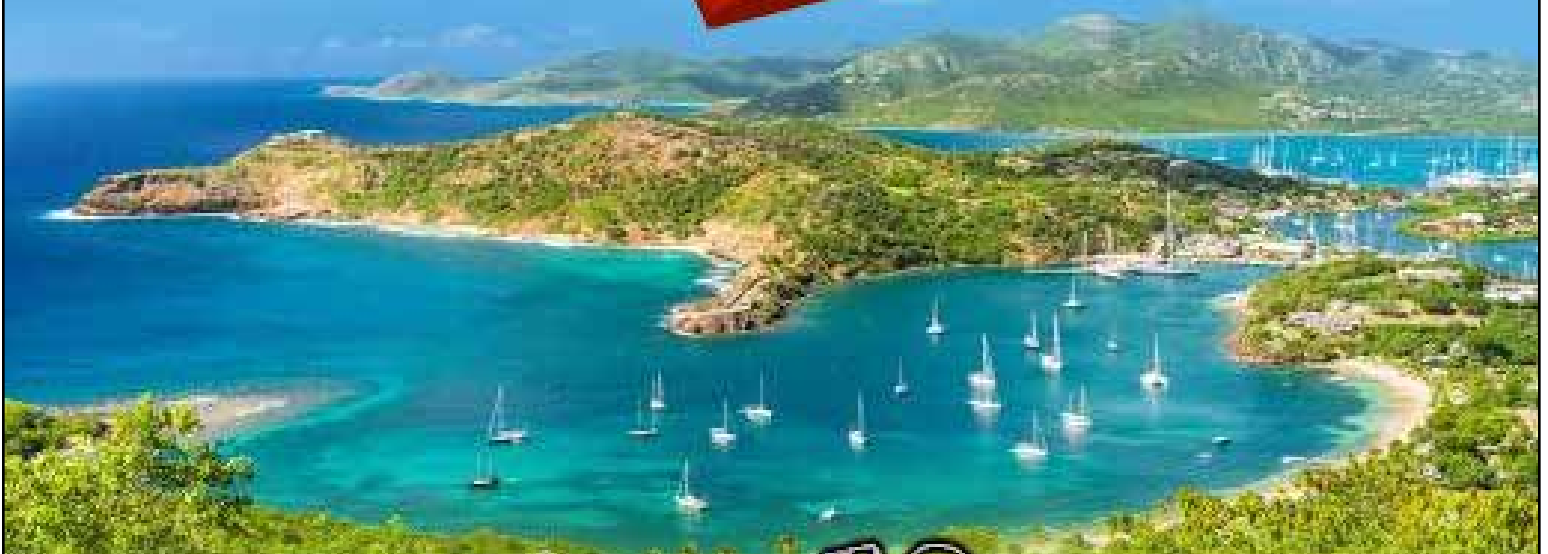
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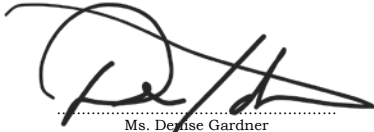
WINNER: PIGOTTS PRIMARY SCHOOL(SAND TO THE BEACH)

SECONDARY

2ND RUNNER-UP:OTTOS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

1ST RUNNER-UP: ANTIGUA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WINNER: PRINCESS MARGARET SCHOOL



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