



## RESOLUTION

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S THAI SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Thai on February 24, 1942, with a hiatus 1958-1962, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Thai people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Thai Service has served for decades as a vital communications link with the Thai people in support of freedom and democracy during the dark days of World War II and through the challenges Thailand faces today;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Thai Service has successfully adopted television, online and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Thais;

WHEREAS, VOA Thai is a leading source of news and information for Thais about the United States and expert analysis on Thailand, Southeast Asia and ASEAN, including during military coups;

WHEREAS, VOA Thai is a unique source of news and information for Thais 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 Thailand;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Thai Service has nurtured and developed successful partnerships with leading Thai radio stations and television networks;

WHEREAS, VOA Thai remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Thailand, the Southeast Asia region, the United States and the world, with a major focus on democratic consolidation and the Thai people's aspirations for enhanced relations with the West; and

WHEREAS, VOA Thai Service continues to broadcast daily to millions of people in Thailand.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voice of America's Thai Service.

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