



## RESOLUTION

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S AZERBAIJANI SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Azerbaijani in June of 1982 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Azerbaijani people;

WHEREAS, VOA's Azerbaijani Service has served as a vital communications link with the Azerbaijani people in support of freedom and democracy during the last 35 years, during the years of transition from Communism, and through the challenges of authoritarianism Azerbaijan faces today;

WHEREAS, VOA's Azerbaijani Service has successfully adopted web cast television, online, mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Azerbaijanis;

WHEREAS, VOA Azerbaijani is a leading source of news and information for Azerbaijanis about United States policy, and expert analysis on Azerbaijan, the United States and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Azerbaijani is a unique source of news and information for Azerbaijanis 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 Azerbaijanis;

WHEREAS, VOA Azerbaijani remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Azerbaijani and the wider region, with a major focus on human rights, social and cultural rights, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, VOA's Azerbaijani Service continues to broadcast daily to millions of people in Azerbaijan and Azerbaijani speakers in Iran, Russia and around the world; and

WHEREAS, VOA Azerbaijani Service is among the leading international broadcasters in Azerbaijani language.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that we celebrate and commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Voice of America's Azerbaijani Service.

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