



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S BANGLA SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Bangla on January 1, 1958 to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Bangla speaking people in the then East Pakistan, which later became Bangladesh after the 1971 Liberation war, and West Bengal, a neighboring state in India;

WHEREAS, VOA's Bangla Service has served for decades as a vital communications link with the Bengali people in support of freedom and democracy, also during the War of Independence in 1971, and through the challenges Bangladesh faces today;

WHEREAS, VOA's Bangla Service has successfully adopted television, online, mobile and social media platforms to reach even greater numbers of Bangla speaking people around the globe;

WHEREAS, VOA Bangla is a leading source of news and information for Bangladesh and three neighboring states of India – West Bengal, Tripura, and Assam, about United States policy, and expert analysis on Bangladesh, South Asia, the United States and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Bangla is a unique source of news and information for Bengalis 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 Bangladesh;

WHEREAS, VOA Bangla remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Bangladesh, South Asia, the United States and the world, with a major focus on human rights, religious and cultural rights, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, VOA's Bangla Service continues to broadcast daily to more than sixteen million people in Bangladesh and Bangla speaking people around the world and has over the past few years conducted several journalist training sessions and town hall meetings in different parts of Bangladesh on Women's Empowerment, Mother and Child Health Care, Youth Development, Health Reporting, and Journalistic Code; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Bangla Service is among the leading international broadcasters in Bangla-language, surpassing its competitors with audience reach on Radio, Television, Internet and mobile, with arguably one of the most popular and influential television programs in the Bangla language.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that we celebrate and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Voice of America's Bangla 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 Bangla Service for their dedication in serving the Bengali people and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.