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## **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE FOR NIGERIA**

Dear Mr. President:

As Nigeria marks its 54th anniversary of independence on October 1, the American people join me in wishing the people of Nigeria a memorable celebration filled with joy and increased national unity.

Nigeria continues to play a key leadership role in Africa and at the United Nations in promoting regional peace and stability. At the heart of our enduring friendship is our shared commitment to democratic values, the rule of law, and economic development.

We look forward to strengthening our relationship and working closely in the coming year, especially in promoting good governance and combating terrorism. As Nigerians observe this special day, we wish you a more peaceful and prosperous year.

Sincerely,

Barack Obama

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