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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual event observed in the United States that celebrates the history and achievements of African Americans in the United States.

Please contact the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat for public events related to the Black History Month Celebration in Turkmenistan or visit the local American Corner in your region.

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The United States Embassy Marks the New Year with a Two-Day Children's Film Festival in Ashgabat



Before the movie screening: a crowd pours into the information booth to take hand-outs

In celebration of the New Year's and Christmas holidays, the Public Affairs Section of

the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat and Turkmenistan's Ministry of Culture and TV/Radio Broadcasting held a children's film festival at the Turkmenistan Cinema and Concert Hall on January 7-8, 2011.

The films were shown in Russian. Entrance was free and open to the public. Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. of the U.S. Embassy Eileen Malloy made introductory remarks and opened the festival.

The film festival featured three films: Madagascar 2, Night at the Museum 2 and Hotel for Dogs.

The embassy was proud to support the film festival and is looking forward for similar cultural programs in Turkmenistan to encourage the exchange of ideas and cultural traditions with the people of Turkmenistan.

The U.S. Embassy Marks the International Day of Disabled Persons



U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. Ambassador Eileen Malloy speaks at the opening of the roundtable

On December 3, 2010, the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan hosted a roundtable in commemoration of the International Day of Disabled Persons. The main goal of this roundtable was to highlight the role of the disabled people in the society. The roundtable gathered representatives of international organizations, parents, special needs educators and representatives of NGOs working on the issues of the disabled to discuss ways to provide extensive support and facilitate rapid inclusion and integration of the disabled people into Turkmen society.

In her opening remarks, the U.S. Chargé

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOVIE FESTIVAL

DASHOGUZ - February 3, 2011

18:00 – AKEELAH AD THE BEE

MARY - February 9, 2011

18:00 – THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

BALKANABAT - February 22, 2011

18:30 – AKEELAH AD THE BEE

ASHGABAT - February 12, 2011

"Turkmenistan" Cinema and Concert Hall

12:00 – THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

15:00 – AKEELAH AND THE BEE

Charge Eileen Malloy's New Year's Greeting for 2011

On behalf of the United States Government and the American people, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to the people of Turkmenistan for a wonderful New Year.

This is always a special time of year, bringing great joy and goodwill in the United States and in many countries around the world. It is a time when Americans celebrate a number of holiday traditions in observance of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and of course New Year's Day itself.

Understanding the importance of the holiday season provides an opportunity to appreciate the incredible diversity of my country. For Americans – just like the people of Turkmenistan – the holiday season is a time of year when we think beyond our day-to-day responsibilities and remember those things in life that are the most precious. We all look forward to the blessing of greeting the new year surrounded by those about whom we care the most -- our families and friends.

As we welcome the new year and look forward to the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Turkmenistan's inde-

pendence in 2011, I am confident that the people of the United States and Turkmenistan will continue to strengthen their productive and mutually beneficial relationship. We look forward to continuing our close cooperation with the Government of Turkmenistan in a broad range of areas during 2011 and for many years to come.

In my time here, I have been impressed by the kindness and sincerity of the people of Turkmenistan. As the representative of a country that shares similar values, I can think of no better way to start the New Year than among you.

From my heart, and on behalf of the United States of America, I wish you true happiness, good health and the greatest success in 2011. Happy New Year!



**Charge d'Affaires, a.i.
Ambassador
Eileen A. Malloy**

Charge Eileen Malloy's Congratulations on Neutrality Day

As the head of the U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan, I have the distinct pleasure of representing the people and Government of the United States here in Turkmenistan. In that capacity, and on behalf of the people of the United States, I would like to offer my congratulations to the President and people of Turkmenistan on the 15th anniversary of the United Nations' official recognition of Turkmenistan as a neutral state.

The policy of permanent neutrality has been a valuable guiding principle for Turkmenistan to achieve and maintain its independence and sovereignty. Neutrality has strengthened Turkmenistan's efforts to build mutually

beneficial and respectful relations with other states and to make independent decisions for the benefit of its citizens.

The United States respects and supports Turkmenistan's independence and neutrality. We value our friendly relations with the people and Government of Turkmenistan and seek to cooperate with Turkmenistan across a wide range of areas. All of our efforts are aimed at supporting Turkmenistan's future as an independent, prosperous, and democratic member of the international community. As we mark this important 15th anniversary of Turkmenistan's neutrality, the United States looks forward to renewed opportunities for cooperation and friendship with the Government and people of Turkmenistan in the future.

Eileen A Malloy, Chargé d'Affaires a.i.,
United States Embassy to Turkmenistan

International Day of Disabled

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d'Affaires, a.i., Ambassador, Eileen Malloy emphasized that "Your worthy examples demonstrate the responsibility you feel as members of society to help others and to assist in the integration of the disabled into society."

In 1992, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992), the General Assembly proclaimed December 3rd as the International Day of the Disabled Persons. This decade was a period of raising awareness and enacting measures to improve the situation of persons with disabilities and to provide them with equal opportunities. Subsequently, the Assembly appealed to Member States to highlight the observance of the Day in order to further integrate people with disabilities into society.

U.S. Embassy Presents a Public Concert of Jazz and Blues

African American Music and Its Impact on Contemporary Music

U.S. Embassy invites you to a public concert on:

February 24, 2011 - 19:00

"Turkmenistan" Cinema and Concert Hall
in Ashgabat.

Entrance is Free

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