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**2011 INDEPENDENCE MESSAGE**

**FROM**

**HIS EXCELLENCY SIR CARLYLE GLEAN, GCMG**

**GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF GRENADA**

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**“CELEBRATING 37 YEARS THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES**

**WITH OPTIMISM AND RESILIENCE”**

*Theme by Jallon Thomas*

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TO THE GRENADIAN DIASPORA  
FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
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Greetings and Happy Independence to fellow Grenadians in the Diaspora.

We celebrate another year of Independence. Another year of trials and triumphs, disappointments and successes - a year of victory. Your natural resilience, fortitude and strength of character have triumphed in the face of social and economic challenges which continue to threaten countries globally.

We recognize your continued solidarity with, and assistance to the homeland. We salute you for your support to family and friends, community, organizations and public institutions, such as schools and the General Hospital. We pay tribute in particular, to the organizations ably assisted by the Mission, who continue that quality of volunteerism.

The presence and participation of many of you in the Diaspora Conference last August, gave adequate testimony of your loyalty, patriotism and commitment to Grenada. The Conference was a huge success in every respect, especially so in the 'meeting of minds', in the discussions, and in the presentations by the authors/poets at the Conference and elsewhere. We are proud of our Grenadian authors and poets.

We salute too, the authors of the Diaspora bond and we look forward to the fruitful completion of the enterprise.

The recession is still on globally, and many countries have been badly affected economically and socially. Grenada continues to struggle and has not been able to make the progress anticipated. However, we are positive as we face another challenging year.

We thank you, the volunteers on the ground, the group leaders, the Mission leaders and staff for your generous assistance, contribution and cooperation. We wish you continued success.

**HAPPY 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE!**

And 'as one people, one family, May God bless our nation'.