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O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.



ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Fair Antigua and Barbuda

We thy sons and daughters stand,
Strong and firm in peace or danger

To safeguard our native land.

We commit ourselves to building

A true nation brave and free.

Ever striving ever seeking

Dwell in love and unity.





Prime Minister Gaston Browne On the 39th Anniversary of Independence



Fellow Citizens and Residents of Antigua and Barbuda

The 39th anniversary of our nation's independence has come, as a dark cloud hangs over the world. A small microbe has brought all nations – rich and poor, large and small – to their knees. We, in Antigua and Barbuda, a place from which no major disease has ever erupted, have become one of its victims in ways that none could have imagined.

Our nation is at war with an invisible enemy.

Our economy is badly weakened through no fault of our own.

But, our nation did not survive hundreds of years of slavery, and another hundred and fifty years of colonial exploitation, to surrender all that we achieved. We did not rise from our knees to stand as equals in the councils of the world, to turn back the hands of time. We did not make of ourselves, a nation with one of the

highest per capita incomes globally, to be cowered in the face of a pandemic, however menacing. Cowardice has never been – the way of our people.

We get up. We stand up.

And fight unrelentingly until we conquer the struggles and achieve our objectives. That is how we have overcome the challenges of the past, consistently creating a better life for our people. And, that is the way we will continue – cautious but courageous, careful but determined, vigilant but robust. We should recall that, as like all things, this too shall pass. Therefore, on this 39th anniversary of our independence, let us not crouch down in fear; let us not shiver in dread.

Instead, let us do what, as a people, we have always done. Let us look ahead with absolute certainty that darkness is dispelled by light. In so doing, let us celebrate our nationhood with hope and optimism, eschewing all fear. Let us set our feet firmly on a path to recovery, girding our loins with purpose to overcome and setting our eyes on the single goal of snapping back and building back better.

None can deny with any sense of fairness and objectivity, that we have succeeded in containing the might of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have protected lives and livelihoods, saving hundreds of lives and putting thousands back to work, by reopening our economy on June first of this year.

We, in Antigua and Barbuda, are better off than most of the people in the world. Globally, there are almost 1.2 million deaths and increasing: in Antigua and Barbuda we have contained our loss of life to only 3 persons. Across the world, there are about 45 million infected persons; in our country, we had a total of 124 persons, of whom the majority have all recovered, leaving us only with 8 active cases. By any measure, our performance has been outstanding and exemplary. While one death is one death too many – and we mourn each of them – as a nation we have kept our people safe. My Government acted immediately and comprehensively to contain the virus and to halt its spread. There was no dithering, no dallying, no indecision. We acted promptly, decisively, and in a big enough way to make a difference.

Our decision to reopen our borders on June 1st, to receive passengers by air and sea signified confidence in the ability of our people to manage the risks associated with COVID transmission and was an inspiration to the entire Caribbean region. The lives and health of our people came first and remain first. We protected our nation against the worst cruelties to the health of our people.

Without any help from the international financial institutions, we allocated scarce funds to build a fully equipped infectious diseases Centre; we expanded the number of hospital beds to three beds per thousand of population; and we invested heavily in equipment and other medical supplies to include rapid test kits. China, India and the Jumbay Fund were outstanding in their provision of medical supplies and we will always remember their friendship. Even as we celebrate our independence, it is good to know that, in times of crisis, we have committed friends. Cuba is among them. Cuban medical personnel readily joined our own doctors and nurses, and others on the front-lines of confronting the virus.

Our nation is indebted to all our health workers and all the others on the frontlines. They are our warriors on the front-line of the battle, and they deserve our praise and our thanks. When the economic circumstance of our country changes for better, as I am confident it will, my Government will remember these champions and will do our best to reward and honour them for their special service.

The global impact on tourism has affected our economy badly.

Yet, my Government ensured that we would not suffer complete economic collapse, or widespread misery. We kept all government workers employed, giving most families a breadwinner. We looked out for the poor and vulnerable by making welfare interventions that included the provision of subsidized utilities, cash grants, food hampers and other necessities. Our Government continues to help through initiatives, supported by the corporate sector, civil society, and citizens.

My brothers and sisters

We all know that the pandemic paralyzed the world. It forced mankind to abandon, or significantly reduce the freedom of roaming, of socialising, and of physical communing. Across the globe, mankind has been forced to remain in their habitats, conducting business and maintaining contact through a virtual world. The latter is by itself a measure of mankind's great creativity and innovation. It is also a tribute to our country's vision and determination, not to be left behind in the availability of telecommunication facilities.

My government considers the provision of affordable broadband services as a public good. That is why the Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) is investing over \$100M, in expanding its broadband services at affordable prices. Those facilities have kept us as an

active participant in the global financial and trading systems. Thus, we used information and communication technologies as effective tools for governance, diplomacy, education, business, office work and social connections.

We also used them to earn revenues through our Citizenship by Investment Programme, and more recently our Nomad Digital Residency Programme. Our investment in modern technology ensured that we achieved the twin objectives of saving lives and maintaining key aspects of our national life and livelihood. Much of that capacity has been attained only since independence just 39 years ago. That realisation should instill in all of us, not only recognition of what we have achieved as a nation; it should also assure us that we have the ability to carry on achieving; and that we have the power to continue our journey to progress and prosperity, which have been interrupted by COVID-19 only temporarily.

My Brothers and Sisters.

As your Prime Minister, and a fearless optimist, I remain confidently optimistic about the future of our country. I do not believe that there is any challenge that a vigilant, creative, innovative and entrepreneurial people cannot overcome. Our history has proved that we are such a people. In that sense, we can cast aside every weight and run with confidence, the race that is set before us.

Who we must contemptuously ignore, are the false prophets, who prey upon fear for their own political advantage. They are creating fear, painting a picture of doom and gloom, through false claims; that the government's policies have brought our economy to its present pass. They are seeking to create a culture of fear, so that they can fool you into believing that they represent your salvation and deliverance. The irony is, they themselves are mired in personal and professional failures and are in need of redemption.

We must always remember that not all winged-creatures are angels. False witnesses, seeking personal gain, did not start with Dathan and Abiram who sought, for wicked purposes, to stop the people of Israel from following Moses into the promised land. Let us be mindful of the real purpose of these scaremongers who seek to undermine our nation's recovery and not to be derailed by them.

My Fellow Citizens and Residents.

As we now know, COVID-19 has brought a tougher challenge for me and my colleagues, than any previous administration since the 1930's has had to face. However, we will not shrink from it. We will press forward in optimistic solidarity.

My Government, together with all other sectors of our society, did a comprehensive assessment of the conditions we confront; the measures we can take to alleviate them; and the plans we should implement now and in the future to build back our country better. That was what the Economic Recovery Committee was all about. The blueprint with the policies, strategies and programs is established – and the plan was devised by individuals spanning all sectors. We know what we must do to continue to keep our economy viable and our people secure, while we look forward to the passage of this terrible scourge.

Brothers and Sisters

When this pandemic first reached our shores, each of you was magnificent in your response and compliant with the protocols. Unfortunately, there is growing complacency and indiscipline that are now threatening to undermine the gains we have made and potentially expose our people to community transmission. Our entire nation could be endangered if any of you behave recklessly, and ignore the health protocols, which were designed to protect the entire population. The protocols must be strictly followed by all, in the protection of our citizens, residents and visitors.

We cannot afford complacent and delinquency. Our chain of success is only as strong as its weakest link. We need everyone to be responsible.

We must all be our brother's keeper and our sister's protector. Look at what's happening throughout Europe now. The numbers of infected persons have risen dramatically because people ignored the protocols.

They began to treat the virus lightly. Now, the lockdowns have returned; the restrictions have resumed, the economies have begun to slide. We must learn from the sad experience of Europe, of what is happening in the United States and even in Canada.

Our country cannot afford another lockdown.

That is why, I now appeal to each of you and all of you, not to make their mistake. The price we would pay for the errors and recklessness of a few would be extremely high. That is not what we want. So, I appeal once again, to all who dwell within our shores, to recognize that we are all together in one boat in this turbulent sea. We can sink in it, or sail out of it to safe Harbour. I know that, if we pull together, we can ride out this turbulence and dock our boat on safe and protective shores. This is what we must do, and do it together as patriots, in the interest of all whom we love, and for our country.

Brothers and sisters,

It is confidence, not fear, that has always driven our nation. It is optimism, not despair, that has propelled us forward. The task before us is not easy, but our early actions would have prevented it being worse. And, if we continue to bind together in solidarity; as one nation, one people, with a common purpose and vision, we will emerge stronger when this crisis is over.

I recall Corinthians, chapter 4 verses 16 to 18.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal".

Sisters and brothers.

This 39th anniversary of our nation's independence reminds us that, as a people, we rose up from poverty and exploitation and from austerity and deprivation. We stood up as a free nation convinced that tomorrow is ours to win, and despite all odds, we did. We have it within us to do it again and we shall do it again.

Our 40th anniversary of independence – one year from now – will be more prosperous, healthier, better, brighter. We must get there together. Let us rejoice in this 39th anniversary, looking forward to the 40th, with all the resolve and resilience that has made us the proud and strong nation that we are.

May God bless you and bless our fair and beloved Antigua and Barbuda.

**Honourable Gaston Browne
Prime Minister**



Independence Greeting From The Consul-General



Fellow Antiguan and Barbudans,

Happy Independence!

On behalf of the staff of the Consulate-General, Toronto, I extend warm greetings and congratulations to all Antiguan and Barbudans in the Canadian Diaspora, on the 39th Anniversary of Independence of Antigua and Barbuda.

We are celebrating this independence during extraordinary and challenging times. The Covid-19 pandemic has reshaped the world and altered our lives in immeasurable ways. To those who have lost loved ones or who have been affected by covid-19, please know that the Consulate of Antigua and Barbuda stands in solidarity with you and your family during this difficult time.

Although we are all struggling to adjust to our “new normal,” I am confident in our spirit of resilience and perseverance. At times of adversity, Antiguan and Barbudans have always set aside our differences and worked shoulder to shoulder towards better days. This year’s independence theme One purpose, Vision, Nation, reminds us of national heroes like Dame Nellie Robinson, who despite her humble beginnings achieved academic success and went on to open a school and create scholarships and other opportunities for poorer children in her community. Like Dame Nellie Robinson, let us seek to be of service to others. Let us show kindness rather than sow discord and create opportunities rather than close doors.

For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to read our independence magazine 39 Years of Reflection, I would encourage you to do so. In producing the magazine, our goal was to create a sense of nostalgia among the Antigua and Barbuda community while highlighting some of the culture and talents of our community. We would like to thank the Antigua and Barbuda Associations across Canada who submitted photographs and greetings. We owe a debt of gratitude to the nationals who took the time to write articles and other pieces for inclusion in the magazine. We could not have done this without your support.... thank you, thank you thank you!

We look forward to working with you in putting together a spectacular 40th anniversary celebration. God’s richest blessing.

Ann-Marie Layne
Consul-General



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Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Fellow Antiguans and Barbudans, Friends,

I am sure you will agree with me that the past few months have been far from relaxing, as our lives have been turned upside down due to the exceptional circumstances surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. From the start of this crisis the safety of Antiguans and Barbudans has been a concern.

First, I would like to thank all of you who are complying with the strict health guidelines, which for some included wearing a mask at all times. Thank you so much. I hope you have made the most of the warm weather these few months.

I would like to offer a heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers who assist others in need. In our neighborhood, each and everyone of us is important. Let us unite to counter racism and discrimination and build together a harmonious neighborhood. Silence reinforces racism and discrimination. Let's continue to be welcoming, open and united.

The pandemic is not over. It is vital to continue washing your hands, keeping a distance from others and staying home if you have symptoms.

In Montreal, the oldest living Antiguan, Hilda Drucilla Spencer who celebrated her 106 birthday on March 24th passed away after a long blessed life. Our plan for 2020 was a grand celebration but that was not to be. We also lost one of our past presidents, Mr. Winston Johnson. May their souls rest in peace.

It is impossible to ignore Covid-19, which has thrown a wrench into the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Montreal event programming and has taught us how to lean and depend on God. Though limited we will still be celebrating our Independence events virtually.

In closing, I urge you to keep following the latest pandemic-related health and distancing guidelines. We care about you and want you to stay healthy. Have a great Fall. May God continue to bless us all. Happy 39th Year of Independence.

Juleen Barrington

Juleen Barrington-President



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Thank you for your continued contributions to our vibrant and diverse community and for bringing your traditions to Canada.

Please accept my regards and best wishes.



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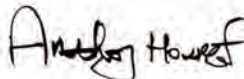
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As the Member of Parliament for Mount Royal I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Antigua and Barbuda association of Montreal Inc's virtual events in celebration of Antigua and Barbuda's 39th anniversary of independence.

I would like to thank the association's President Juleen Barrington and Public Relations Officer Erene Anthony for allowing me to share these words of welcome with you all and for ensuring that this year's festivities be carried on through safe, socially distanced means. I also applaud the association for its fundraising efforts in directing a portion of the proceeds from these events towards the Ada Moore Bursary and the Diabetes and Alzheimer's foundation, this benevolence is an example to follow and is greatly appreciated!

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**A Message From City Councillor Marvin Rotrand
Greetings to the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Montreal
Celebrating the 37th Anniversary of National Independence**

Dear Friends,

I am honoured to offer my congratulations to the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Montreal and its members and supporters as they gather tonight to celebrate the 37th anniversary of national independence.

Your community takes pride in the achievements of your country of origin and heritage. The island nation of Antigua and Barbuda, offering lush and spectacular natural beauty including some of the most ravishing beaches in the world, is well known to Canadians as a welcoming tourist destination. The past year however has been difficult as the country is still rebuilding from the devastation wrought by hurricane Irma in September 2017.

The Côte-des-Neiges – Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Borough has a significant population hailing from the Caribbean. The Borough Council is aware that climate change is contributing to an uptick in severe weather which has resulted in the last years with a significant loss of life and material damage across the Caribbean region.

We share your concerns for those back home. We support the Government of Canada's aid programs that help nations that have been devastated by storms to rebuild with more durable infrastructure. As a municipality we are locally putting in place measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions which will help slow the climate changes that threaten our planet.

The Borough Council is pleased to support tonight's event having voted a grant to aid in the success of the evening. We appreciate your Association's efforts to meet the members' social, cultural and recreational needs while offering a helping hand to your country of origins.

Unfortunately I am away on official business today but I wish you an enjoyable and successful evening and will be celebrating with you in spirit!

Yours truly,

Marvin Rotrand
City Councillor - Snowdon

Félicitations à l'Association Antigua-et-Barbuda de Montréal à l'occasion de leur 39e anniversaire d'indépendances!

Congratulations to the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Montreal on their 39th Anniversary of Independence!



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J'ai l'honneur et le privilège de joindre ma voix à la vôtre pour souhaiter à Antigua-et-Barbuda, ce beau pays ensoleillé, à ses habitants et à toute la diaspora un joyeux 39^e anniversaire d'indépendance !

It is my honor and privilege to join you in wishing the beautiful and sunny nation of Antigua and Barbuda, its inhabitants and all the diaspora a Happy 39th anniversary of independence!



Anju Dhillon

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Guest Speaker: Ketlyn Maitland-Blades.

She immigrated to Canada as a child..

Is a bilingual, dynamic, well respected professional in the banking and financial industry, specializing in securities vault-safe custody operations.

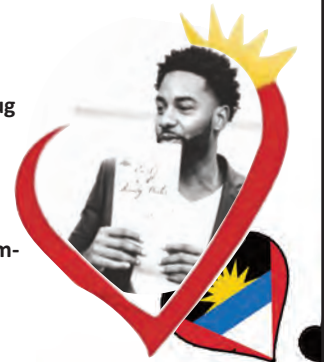
- Elected vice-president of the securities clearing committee representing the six (6) Canadian chartered banks.
- Is a commissioner of oaths for Quebec & exterior.
- Recipient, gold award of excellence for decathletes, from the former prime minister of Canada, the late Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau.
- Recipient of the Stephen Aismocopoulos Award for Citizenship.
- March 5th, 2016 recipient, certificate of achievement from the Liberal riding member of Parliament, House of Commons, Ottawa Canada..
- March 2016 woman of distinction award- "hommage aux femmes" for decades of volunteer community involvement.
- February 2017 Black History Month Laureate.
- June 17th, 2017 Canadian International Black Women to Watch Award (CIBW).
- January 21st 2018 recipient, public service medal & award from the federal Liberal MP Alexandra Mendes.



MC: Svens Telemaque

Svens Telemaque ranks as one of the most inspiring speakers touching youth empowerment. After multiple arrests and brushes with death, he gave up a life of drug trafficking to start anew. In 2007, he relocated to Montreal and co-founded L'art Selah, a poetry collective that provides hope to listeners. In 2014, he released his first book, Pen of a Ready Writer Vol. 1, which has been featured on several major networks, including CBC and Global News. As a social entrepreneur, Svens has been recognized as a regional finalist for Startup Canada, and has received the Community Leadership Award, among other honours.

He has inspired thousands across the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and Africa through his youth-empowerment tour. His compelling story doesn't glamorize a checkered past, but instead reminds us that even "broken crayons still colour."



Congratulations

Antigua & Barbuda Association of Montreal



On your 39th Anniversary

Joel Anthony



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Ada Moore Bursary Recipients

The Ada Moore Bursary



The late Ada Moore was one of many Antiguan domestic workers who arrived in Canada in 1959 and spent her first year in Calgary. She later moved to Montreal, contacted other Antiguan who were living here and some years later, in 1970 was one of the founders of the Antigua & Barbuda Association.

Over the years, Miss Moore was quite vocal in matters related to the Association as well as Antigua and Barbuda. Her continuous service was priceless to our community. During her service as member of the Executive, we recall her laughter and the sense of humour with which she often summoned us to action.

Miss Moore was dedicated, hardworking and always saw the glass as half full. As a founding member and pillar of the Association, in 1997, Miss Moore was made a life time Honourary member for her contributions.

For this exemplary volunteer service to the Antigua and Barbuda Association, tonight, we are pleased ask her niece Elaine Thomas to make presentation to two deserving students in her memory.

The scholarship is awarded to students of Antiguan and Barbudan parentage with high academic achievement who intend to pursue fulltime programs at the college level.

Tonight we extend congratulations and our best wishes to Angelique Joseph Thomas and Ashley-Vita Laville

Israel Dial

Israel Dial grew up a child of the community.

From an early age he served as an Altar Boy at St. Gabriel's Church, where he strengthened his spirituality as well as his organizational skills working with the priest.

It was also at St. Gabriel's that he found his love of singing. Thanks to the urgings of his grandmother. He sang solos during Sunday masses, and during services for the holidays such as Christmas and New Years.

It wasn't long before Israel became an integral part of the St. Gabriel's church choir under the direction of Terry Clahane.

Israel's mother (Christine Busby) spurred on his growth as a singer by involving him in a several music programs such as Share The Warmth, El Sistema, Samson Arboite and most recently at the Union United Church Band and Union United Church Men's Choir.

As a high school student at Selwyn House, Israel defined himself with his multi-disciplinary efforts. He was one of a few students who participated in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award a self-development program that measures the physical and mental capacity as well as the level of community involvement of young people between the ages of 14 to 24 Israel showed off his talent on the guitar and singing and his physical prowess on the football team as a rower for Selwyn House. He also displayed his resilience on a three-day-three-night outdoor sojourn in Northern Canada.

As a volunteer, Israel helped out at food banks and at church events across the community.

For his efforts, Israel was one of 4 four to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's International Silver Award and is now striving for gold. His goal is to become an Optometrist.

Now at John Abbott College, Israel is involved in several extracurricular activities including as a member of the Black Student Union, Congress (Student Union) and Model United Nations.

Through it all, he continues to hone his musical skills at the Union United Church Band as well as performing with the Union United Church Men's Choir.





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Highlights -- Personalities of Antiguan Descent

Chantal Carter

Chantal Carter is an entrepreneur who has worked in the fashion industry for over 20 years as a Stylist, Image Consultant and Style Director of Style Magazine.

She appreciates creating high-end simplicity in fashion and food. She displayed this talent as a contestant in the first episode of Four Weddings Canada, winning 1st place for her wedding.

Chantal's passion to uplift women of colour through fashion caused her to develop a diverse skin tone lingerie line called Loves & Nudes. This brand is more than just fashion, it's also a social movement connecting women and celebrating the beauty of difference through social media and events.

She believes apparel and cosmetics should be accessible to all in a manner which allows them to showcase their unique style and skin comfortably. Loves & Nudes has been featured in media outlets such as CBC, City Line Ebony Magazine, Elle, Chatelaine, Flare, Toronto Star and more.





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Highlights -- Personalities of Antiguan Descent

Colin Hill

MS Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder Colin Hill is a leading voice in healthcare technology and precision medicine and brings impressive leadership experience in commercializing machine learning technologies in the biopharmaceutical and managed care industries. He co-founded GNS Healthcare, a leading AI-driven precision medicine company, in 2000 and has since served as Chairman & CEO. In 2020 the company launched the in silicopatent, a highly accurate computer model of disease. Colin sits on board of Biotelemetry Inc. (NASDAQ: BEAT), the leading mobile health information company, and PPD Inc. (NASDAQ: PPD), a leading global contract research organization. He is also a founding board member of TMed (Transforming Medicine: The Elizabeth Kauffman Institute), a non-profit foundation (501c3) dedicated to the advancement of personalized medicine. In 2016, he was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to the Massachusetts Digital Health Council. Colin was a founding member of the Board of Directors of AesRx, a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the development of new treatments for sickle cell disease (acquired by Baxter in 2014). He was the founding chairman of O'Reilly Media's Strata Rx in 2012, the first healthcare big data conference in the industry. In 2004, Colin was named to MIT Technology Review's TR100 list of the top 100 innovators in the world under the age of 35. He is a frequent speaker at national and international scientific and industry conferences and has appeared in numerous publications and television programs, including The Wall Street Journal, CNBC Morning Call & SquawkBox, Nature, Boston Globe, Politico, Forbes, Wired, and The Economist. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in physics and earned Master's degrees in physics from both McGill University and Cornell University.





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Program

6.00 PM

Antigua as a Tourist destination of Choice

A little about the History of Antigua

6.30 PM

Coctail Hour

* Photo Slide

*Music --Kenny Andrews

7.00 PM

Co Hosts - Ms. Erene Anthony & Ms. Devolyn Carter

***Welcome**

MC - Mr. Svens Telemaque

*Prayer - Ms. Veron Henry

*Canada National Anthem

*Antigua & Barbuda National Anthem

*Prime Minister's Message - The Hon Gaston Browne

* King Abstinate 1981 Independence Tribute

*Consul General Message - Mrs. Ann-Marie Layne

*President's Message - Mrs. Juleen Barrington

MEMORIAM:

*Mrs. Hilda Druccilla Spencer

*Mr. Winston Johnson

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*Rideau Memorial Gardens

MESSAGES:

*MP Mr. Anthony Housefather

*MP Anju Dhillon

*MP Mr. Marc Miller

* Mayor Valerie Plante Montreal

* Mayor Benoit Dorais - Brough Sud Quost

* Deputy Mayor DDO Mr. Enrol Johnson

* Councillor Marvin Rotrand

ENTERTAINMENT:

* King Short Shirt " Our Pledge"

By S. Humphreys/Piano Dr. George Roberts

Mr. Allen Seaton -Tenor

***GUEST SPEAKER:** Mrs. Ketlyn Maitland Blades

PRESENTATIONS:

*Highlights --Personalities of Antiguan Descent
Co-Founder of Big Data- Mr. Colin Hill

Founder of Loves & Nudes -Ms Chantal Carter:

*Ada Moore Bursary Recipient: Mr. Israel Dial

*Sickle Cell Association of Canada

Entertainment

* Steelpan - Ms. Fadima Wilson

*Solo - Ms. Mahalia James Marzucco

* Folk Heritage 2013 Independence

MISSION STATEMENT:

*Executive and Social Committee

* Digital Booklet

* Photo Slide of Past Events

*Best Wishes

* Patrons Ads

Flag / Themes

Prizes

Thank You

Let the Dance Begin





The Antigua & Barbuda Association of Montreal Inc.

The Antigua & Barbuda Association of Montreal Inc is a non profit organization. It was founded in 1970 to bring nationals together so that we could support each other, share the common bonds of our twin island that we hold dear and allow us to maintain our rich cultural heritage.

Apart from providing a forum for discussions of matters of interest to Antiguan and Barbudans living around Montreal, the organization has since developed aims and objectives that provide cooperation with organizations, on matters of concern.

Over the past 48 years the Association has promoted a channel of communication with the wider community. To that end it, it promotes social activities throughout the year. It provides medical equipment and supplies the Mount St John's Hospital in Antigua and designates personnel that make visits to nationals and others who are in hospitals and nursing homes in the city. Cognizant of the need to foster high achievement in education for our youths and continued need to foster good health, it strives to provide a college bursary or two, each year as well as make donations to community health related organizations.

In the year ahead the association will make every effort through its activities to join our nationals at home to promote our theme "Forward Together".



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The Round Table on Black History Month congratulates Antigua and Barbuda on the 39th Anniversary of Independence.

The Antigua and Barbuda Association is much appreciated in these times when solidarity is so important and needed in our communities. We applaud the continuous preparation of the Association for the pride of their country citizens here in Quebec. Thank you and congratulations



La Table Ronde du Mois de l'Histoire des Noirs félicite Antigua et Barbuda pour son 39ieme anniversaire d'indépendance. L'occasion est importante de reconnaître l'implication de l'Association de Barbuda et Antigua dans notre société.

L' Association d' Antigua et Barbuda est appréciée en des temps incertains où la solidarité est importante dans nos communautés. Nous félicitons l'effort continu de l'Association et sa détermination à montrer la fierté de ces citoyens ici au Québec.

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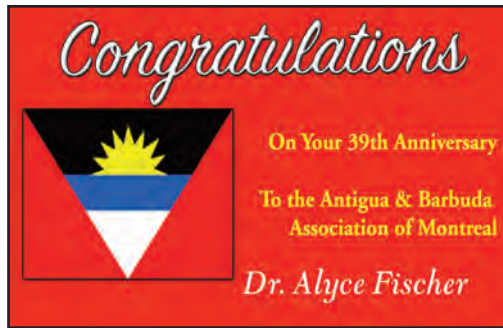
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of Montreal on your 39th Anniversary

and Best Wishes
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Memoriam
What a Milestone!

Hilda Druscilla Watkins

Hilda Druscilla Watkins was born in Freemans Village, Antigua, on March 24, 1914. Her parents were the late Thomas "Tommy" Watkins and the late Tryphena Hephzeba "Hep" Creighton, both of Freemans Village.

She celebrated her 106th Birthday on March 24, 2020 and away a few weeks later.

Hilda spent her early years in Freemans Village. She attended the Primary School of the day, worshipped at the Methodist Church, and participated fully in its activities especially in the area of singing. She later relocated to the All Saints Elementary School. In later years and in addition to music, she was skilled in handicraft. She learned to sew with a hand machine where she learnt, with hand and machine and was skilled with embroidering, crocheting, tatting, hairpin lace and punch work.



The time came when she left school and gained employment in the private homes of some of the estate owners as housekeeper, children's nurse, housemaid, butler and cook. She secured a solid education for her daughters Lynne and Emily who went on to build professional careers.

Mrs. Spencer moved to Montreal in 1995 to reside with Lynne following the passing of her husband of 53 years, Charles Spencer. At the entrance of Freeman's village where she was born, a billboard displays the names of five men and women from that village who had lived to be 100 years or older. She was also among the 23 Antiguans centenarians who were honoured on June 8th on the island.

She is also the Mother-in-Law of Patrick Benjamin formerly of St. John's, and the Reverend Samuel Knight of All Saints, Antigua. Her grandchildren are Allyson, Linda and Patrick Benjamin, in Montreal; Dr. David Knight, Washington, D.C. and the late Dr. Juliette Knight.

The nationals in Montreal were grateful to have her in our midst.

Memoriam

Mr. Winston Johnson



Mr. Winston Johnson was the 7th President of the Antigua & Barbuda Association of Montreal. He was an avid reader and writer and often regaled members of the Association with his poetry and stories. He was a man full of passion . His love of country had no equal and he would always tell you that he was one of the primary historians of Antigua, that he loved so deeply.

Winston was also an ardent sport fan who loved and cherished cricket. He was a mentor and coach in Trail BC and would often take the underprivileged children no one had time for, under his wings.

A cherished father, uncle and friend, Winston Johnson was a force of nature whose legacy will live on in the joy he brought to the lives of many.



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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE



INDEPENDENCE THEMES



Year	Anniversary	Theme
2020	39th	One Purpose, Vision, Nation
2019	38th	Embracing our National Pride
2018	37th	Forward Together
2017	36th	Unite to Rebuild
2016	35th	Building An Economic Powerhouse Together
2015	34th	Antigua and Barbuda, Rebuilding with Unity and Purpose
2014	33rd	Rebuilding our Nation with Togetherness, Commitment and Perseverance!
2013	32nd	Antigua and Barbuda One Family; Celebrating with Pride,
2012	31st	Antigua & Barbuda One Family: Uniting For A Cleaner, Greener and More Productive Nation
2011	30th	Antigua & Barbuda One Family: Moving Towards A Secure Future
2010	29th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Celebrating Our Youth
2009	28th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Reviving Our National Pride
2008	27th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Striving for Peace and Harmony
2007	26th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Aspiring, Advancing, Achieving
2006	25th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Embracing the Future Together
2005	24th	Antigua and Barbuda One Family Working Together to Achieve Excellence
2004	23rd	Antigua and Barbuda One Family
2003	22nd	Unrelenting Dedication and Unity the Key to a Better Nation
2002	21st	Reunion 21
2001	20th	Volunteering to Preserve and Safeguard Our Heritage
2000	19th	Creating a Sustaining Environment for a Culture of Peace
1999	18th	Our Elders or Foundation; Our Youth, Our Hope for the 21st Century
1998	17th	Positive Development through Sustained Efforts
1997	16th	Forward Together with Pride and Productivity
1996	15th	Emancipation to Independence: Our Heritage, Our Future
1995	14th	United to Rebuild Our Land, Our Pride, Our Heritage
1994	13th	The Family Foundation for a Strong Nation
1993	12th	Forward Together
1992	11th	National Unity for a Secured Future
1991	10th	Reflections
1990	9th	Maintaining Excellence
1989	8th	Building an Excellent Structure
1988	7th	A Solid Foundation
1987	6th	Give thanks Together for Benefits
1986	5th	A Peaceful Nation Moving Forward
1985	4th	Youth Participation in National Development
1984	3rd	Freedom Attained Freedom Maintained
1983	2nd	One Nation One Family
1982	1st	Youth Development for Greater Productivity
1981	-	A Nation to Build, A Country to Mould

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On Your 39th Anniversary

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*Congratulations
and Best Wishes*



On Your 39th Anniversary

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with the Grace of God

Antigua & Barbuda
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And to the people of
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The State Flag of Antigua & Barbuda



Official Description

The **Golden Sun** symbolises the dawn of a new era
Red symbolises the dynamism of the people
Blue symbolizes hope
Black symbolizes the soil and our African heritage
Gold, Blue and **White** together represent Antigua's tourist attractions – sun, sea and sand
The “**V**” depicted in the design by the **Black Blue** and **White** bands is the symbol of Victory.

The flag was designed by:
Reginald Samuel
Adopted: **February 27, 1967**

Reginald Samuel
A National Hero

The Antigua and Barbuda Coat of Arms

Antigua Coat-of-Arms was originally designed by Gordon Christopher, about 1966. It was later modified by the Financial Secretary, Don Cribbs.

The motto **Each Endeavouring, All Achieving** was composed by Mr. James H. Carrot M.B.E. who at the time was the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Trade, Production and Labour. He won a prize of \$100.

The **Pineapple** surmounting the arms represents the famous Antigua Black Pineapple.

The **Red Hibiscus** flowers are symbolic of the many varieties that bloom in the Nation.

The **Golden Sun** and the wavy blue and white **BANDS** symbolise the Sea, Sun and Beaches. The central **Sugar Mill Tower** and the stem of **Sugar Cane** echoes the historic production of sugar, once the main industry.

The Century Plant or **Dagger Pole** with its stem and showy golden yellow flowers was a part of the historic emblem of Antigua and the Leeward Islands.

The two rampant **Deer** depict the only large animal within the Eastern Caribbean and that is unique to Antigua and Barbuda.



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