## <u>Press Releases: Guatemala's</u> <u>Independence Day</u>

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Secretary of State

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On behalf of the Government of the United States, I congratulate the people of Guatemala on your celebration of 197 years of independence on September 15.

The United States remains committed to working together with the Guatemalan people to increase prosperity and improve security and governance in Guatemala. That partnership includes critical efforts to fight corruption and impunity and strengthen the rule of law for the benefit of all Guatemalans. During his visit in June of this year, Vice President Pence reaffirmed to the people of Guatemala that the United States "will always be there to stand with you as neighbors and friends."

Best wishes to all Guatemalans as you celebrate your independence.

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