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I extend warm Independence greetings to Jamaicans at home and across the Diaspora as we proudly celebrate the 64th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence. This is a moment to honour our rich history, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our collective commitment to building a stronger, safer and more prosperous Jamaica for present and future generations.

Our Independence Day reminds us of the courage, vision and sacrifice of our National Heroes and all those who fought to secure our freedom and lay the foundation for a sovereign nation. Their enduring legacy continues to inspire us as we strengthen our democracy, expand opportunities for our people and advance sustainable national development. The resilience, creativity and determination of the Jamaican people have enabled our nation to overcome countless challenges while preserving the indomitable spirit that defines us.

Today, we celebrate not only our history but also the remarkable progress Jamaica continues to make. Through prudent leadership, disciplined economic management and the resilience of our people, our country has earned international recognition for its stability and development. Jamaica is now recognised as the most peaceful nation in the Caribbean and the third most peaceful country in the Western Hemisphere, a significant achievement that reflects our continued efforts to strengthen public safety, uphold the rule of law, and create an environment where families, businesses and communities can thrive.

Our economic progress has been equally encouraging. Record-low unemployment, declining debt levels, sustained macroeconomic stability, increased investor confidence, and continued growth in key sectors such as tourism, logistics, agriculture and the creative industries demonstrate that Jamaica is moving steadily in the right direction. These achievements are not merely statistics, they represent greater opportunities for employment, stronger public finances, improved resilience and a more secure foundation upon which every Jamaican can build a better future. While challenges remain, we can take pride in the progress we have made together and remain confident in our capacity to achieve even greater success.

Jamaica's influence extends far beyond our shores. Whether through our athletes, musicians, entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, academics, innovators or members of our Diaspora, Jamaicans continue to make an indelible mark across the globe. Our culture remains one of the most recognised and celebrated in the world, while the achievements of our people continue to strengthen Jamaica's reputation as a nation of excellence, resilience and limitless potential.

Over the past year, our nation has once again demonstrated remarkable resilience. Our people have shown determination, innovation and an unwavering spirit of generosity. Communities have supported one another in times of need, entrepreneurs have continued to create opportunities, and Jamaicans across the Diaspora have remained steadfast partners in national development. These collective efforts remind us that our greatest strength has always been our unity and our shared belief in Jamaica's limitless potential.

We also pay tribute to the countless Jamaicans whose daily commitment continues to move our country forward. Our teachers, healthcare workers, members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force and the Jamaica Defence Force, farmers, entrepreneurs, first responders, public servants, faith-based organisations, community leaders and volunteers each play an indispensable role in building a stronger nation. Their service, sacrifice and dedication embody the very spirit of Jamaica.

This spirit of partnership was clearly demonstrated during the 11th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference, held in June this year, which brought together members of our global Jamaican family to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships and reaffirm their commitment to Jamaica's development. The Conference highlighted the invaluable contributions of our Diaspora and reinforced the enduring bonds that connect Jamaicans across continents. We remain deeply grateful for your continued investment, expertise, philanthropy, advocacy and unwavering love for your homeland. Your contributions continue to enrich our communities and strengthen Jamaica's standing on the world stage.

As we continue our journey towards becoming the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business, we remain steadfast in advancing the national goals of Vision 2030 Jamaica. Achieving this vision requires the continued partnership of Government, the private sector, civil society, and our Diaspora. Together, we can build a more inclusive, innovative and globally competitive Jamaica that creates opportunity for all.

Independence is far more than a celebration of our past; it is a call to action. It reminds us that nation-building is a shared responsibility and that every Jamaican has a role to play in shaping the future we desire. Whether through public service, entrepreneurship, innovation, volunteerism or community leadership, each contribution strengthens our country and helps secure a brighter future for generations to come.

As we celebrate 64 years of nationhood, let us renew our commitment to the values that have sustained us, unity, integrity, resilience, service and love of country. Let us continue to work together to build a Jamaica that is safer, stronger, more inclusive and more prosperous; a Jamaica where every citizen has the opportunity to realise his or her full potential and where our children inherit a nation worthy of their dreams.

On behalf of the Government of Jamaica, I extend heartfelt Independence greetings to every Jamaican, whether at home or abroad. May this special occasion renew our sense of national pride, deepen our unity and inspire us all to continue working together in service of the nation we proudly call home.

As One Jamaica, united by our history and inspired by our shared future, let us continue to build a nation that stands as a beacon of peace, opportunity and excellence throughout the Caribbean and the wider world.

Happy 64th Independence, Jamaica!