



Indian Diaspora Council

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Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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**PRESS STATEMENT**

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**MEMORIAL DAY 2017 IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The global membership of the Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) joins with other organizations, agencies, groups and institutions in commemorating Memorial Day 2017 in the United States of America.

Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. It started in 1868 as Decoration Day after the American Civil War and in 1968 the United States Congress declared Memorial Day as a national holiday.

With reverence, remembrance, reflection, respect and gratitude, we pay homage and tribute to all those in the US Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives defending the freedoms and safety we enjoy and so dearly cherish.

We also express gratitude for the extra-ordinary contributions of those who served and are serving in the US Armed Forces, as well as all in various branches of civilian law enforcement, firefighting, aviation, transportation, medical and auxiliary services.

We are grateful for the enormous sacrifices made to maintain and advance freedom and liberty which universally endear the USA as a beacon of hope, freedom and refuge for the persecuted and downtrodden. USA's efforts in promoting freedom exemplify the indomitable human spirit to choose and make decisions for "the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness", and has inspired nations and individuals to advance their own struggles for freedom and human rights.

Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) conveys its best wishes to the government and people of the United States of America, and in close collaboration with other countries, for continuing vigilance and championing the cause of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*