

Eritrean-Americans in Indianapolis, Indiana, Celebrated 23rd Year of Independence

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HAPPY 23rd Birthday and YEAR of INDEPENDENCE TO ALL ERITREANS ACROSS THE GLOBE!

Indianapolis, Indiana, 23 May 2014:--

On May 23, 2014, Eritreans and Eritrean-Americans who live in Indianapolis, Indiana, celebrated the 23rd birthday and Anniversary of Eritrean Independence Day with great fanfare and enthusiasm. Due to the hard-working efforts, commitment, and dedication of the local Eritrean National Holidays Coordinating Committee, it was possible to celebrate Eritrea's 23rd birthday, Eritrean Independence Day, on 23 May 2014.

*The celebration party took place in the western suburb of Indianapolis, at Century Plaza. The decoration of the hall was fantastic. The celebration began with a moment of silence. Using his trumpet, Jordan Nathnaiel, a young college graduate, sang the Eritrean National Anthem. There was plenty of food and drinks. The Theme for this year was **"We Toil Today for a Bright Tomorrow"**.*

More people, than what has been expected, came to celebrate the 23rd birthday of Eritrean Independence, which is a milestone in the growth and development of the new nation. Many young Eritreans known as "new comers" came to celebrate the occasion. It is estimated more than 200 people showed up at the party. Tesfamariam Tesfaslasie played a vital role in seeking patriotic and nationalist Eritreans who helped in the planning and executing the celebration.

Fesehaye Kahsay a member of the local National Holidays Coordinating Committee welcomed the members of the community. Doctor Yonas Adal, a member of the local National Holidays Coordinating Committee read the message issued by the Eritrean Embassy in Washington, DC. The main message was that all Eritreans at home and abroad must be vigilant, resilient, and united, showing a sense of purpose and commitment to see better days in Eritrea and help their motherland develop.

Dawit of Columbus, Ohio, and his keyboard player, spent the whole evening entertaining the audience by singing many patriotic songs and musical selections that depict the richness of Eritrean melodies. Old and young danced to the beautiful melodies of Tigrigna, Tigre, Saho and other cultural music. The participants danced away the night until it was time to leave the Hall!

This year's 23rd birthday for Eritrea was beautiful and well organized. It really was a memorable day for all of those who came to celebrate and enjoy the party. Many participants have commented by stating that this year was the best of all parties in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis is on the right move to a positive direction. Even though there are some challenges, it is appropriate to give credit to those who have coordinated the occasion, worked hard, and they made the event successful. Way to go, Indianapolis!

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