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**For Immediate Release**

September 17, 2021

**An ill-advised White House action tries to throw terrorist group a lifeline**

We are profoundly dismayed by the Executive Order President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed today, September 17, 2021. The executive order is based on disinformation orchestrated by the TPLF and their enablers whose reports are based on this group's fabrications and words of certain NGOs whose reports are based on this terrorist group's lies. The sole goal of the executive order is to throw the terrorist group a lifeline and to resurrect it from the near-death condition in which it finds itself today.

Ethiopia, as a sovereign nation, has designated the TPLF terrorist due to its repeated seditious military acts and genocidal activities against innocent civilians. Similarly, Eritrea, despite the repeated unprovoked terrorist attacks by the TPLF, has continued to be a stabilizing force in the region. Hence, it is unbecoming for a superpower that wields strong international diplomatic and economic clout to enable a terrorist organization that is determined to destabilize the Horn of Africa and hellbent on pitting ethnic groups of the region against each other to prolong its life.

The executive order collectively and concurrently aims at punishing the victims in this conflict while whitewashing the acts of perpetrators. The victims are the peoples of Eritrea, Ethiopia and all the greater Horn of Africa, whereas the perpetrators are the leaders and enablers of the TPLF who have caused unprecedented damage both in terms of human loss and property damage during the period when they had absolute power and since they were deposed by popular revolt in 2018.

Bringing pressure to bear on Eritrea and Ethiopia to appease and embolden a terrorist organization that has continually destabilized the region and fostered enmity among Ethiopia's ethnic groups as well as those of the rest of the Horn will have dire consequences on the region's long term political, diplomatic, economic and security conditions.

On September 17, NCEA in a press release replied to President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s Executive Order.

EAPAC celebrated African Heritage Month in Silver Spring, Maryland on September, 26, 2021.

Over three hundred (300) Eritrean-Americans and Ethiopian-Americans attended a zoom meeting with Governor Gavin Newsom on September 9, 2021.

NCEA to US  
President's  
Executive  
Order:

"We therefore urge the President to revoke the ill-advised executive order which will only embolden the TPLF which is determined to sow chaos, cause death and destruction and lead to instability and further fragmentation.

What part of this serves the United States interest?"

Inevitably, such a policy of appeasement will wreak havoc on the long-term security and foreign policy interests of the United States. It is indeed mind boggling to see the United States of America standing on the side of a terrorist-designated group, the TPLF; the lip service to the unity of Ethiopia notwithstanding, it is curious what the USA stands to gain by supporting a group that is determined to balkanize Ethiopia by creating Bantustans and redrawing international boundaries to serve a hidden agenda to eventually to establish a statehood of Tigray. It looks the Biden Administration is ready to repeat the mistakes of previous US administrations that stood on the wrong side of history: standing on the side of the Apartheid party of South Africa by opposing sanctions that were called by the international community, frustrating the aspirations of the Angolan people for independence by supporting Jonas Savimbi's UNITA or adding fuel to the Lebanese civil war of the 1970s by supporting the Phalanges of Lebanon despite the fact the party was molded after the Spanish Falange, Italian Fascist parties and the Hitler Youth. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the US to condemn TPLF's adventurous military activities and support Eritrea's right to defend its sovereignty from a group that had openly declared its intention to invade Eritrea and had launched dozens of rockets into Eritrea's population centers.

We therefore urge the President to revoke the ill-advised executive order which will only embolden the TPLF which is determined to sow chaos, cause death and destruction and lead to instability and further fragmentation. What part of this serves the United States interest?

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Successful  
Event

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, the Eritrean community in the D.C./Maryland/Virginia (DMV) Area held an event at the Silver Spring Civic Building Plaza in Montgomery County, MD.

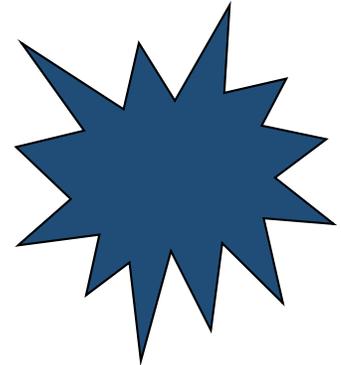
The public diplomacy team, the Eritrean American Public Affairs Committee (EAPAC), arranged the event to participate in the “African Heritage Month,” which Montgomery County organizes annually and commemorate the 60th year of the start of the year Eritrea’s armed struggle.

The festivities started with the Eritrean national anthem and included cultural shows by kids and adults, music, food, cultural crafts, and nine pavilions representing our nine nationalities. Mr. Berhane Ghebrehiwot, Charge de Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy and B/ Hadnet Keleta, Public & Community Affairs at the embassy of Eritrea, and NCEA members were also present at the event.

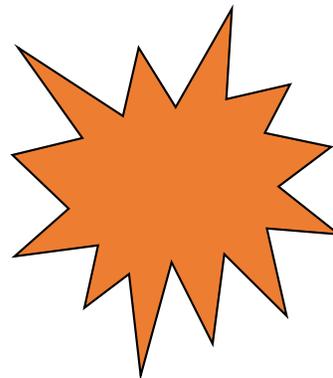
Among the U.S. representatives presented at this event were Congressman Jamie Raskin, Montgomery County Executive Mark Elrich, County council president Tom Hucker, State Senator Will Smith, and several council members and delegates.



Congressman Jamie Raskin



Congressman Raskin with Eritrean community members



# Some pictures from the Cultural Event



# ERITREAN CULTURAL SHOW

Eritrean-American Public Affairs Committee (EAPAC) Inc.

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Starting at 2 PM with Ribbon Cutting  
ceremony

At the Silver Spring Civic Building Plaza, One  
Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring MD 20910

**CELEBRATE  
AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

Please come and enjoy the moment with us!



**Eritrean American**  
Public Affairs Committee Inc.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
MARYLAND

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Eritrea became independent on May 24, 1991, after a protracted 30-year war and the mobilization of an impressive national movement; and
- WHEREAS,** Eritrea is a country that lies on the west coast of the Red Sea in the Horn of Africa, inhabited by a mosaic of nine ethnic communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Eritrea is the first country in Sub-Saharan Africa to accept Christianity in the 4th Century and Islam in the 7th Century; and
- WHEREAS,** Eritrea's capital city, Asmara is Africa's Secret Modernish City, recognized by UNESCO as the first World Heritage Site in Eritrea; and
- WHEREAS,** Montgomery County has been enriched by the presence, professional and economic contributions of Eritrean Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** as peace has come upon the Horn of Africa region, Eritreans are now focusing on engaging and educating the diverse communities around their adopted homes in the US about their culture and history.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby commemorates the 60th year of the start of Eritrea's struggle for independence and the

#### ERITREAN FESTIVAL

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Council acknowledges the heroic determination of the Eritrean people to live in peace and independence as sovereign people.

Presented on this 26th day of September in the year 2021.



Tom Hucker  
Council President

# A Successful Event



On September 27, 2021, Eritrean communities in the DMV area participated in the demonstration organized by the Ethiopian community. The rally was to protest the U.S. policy in the current war in Ethiopia and CNN's disinformation regarding the situation in the Horn of Africa.

The demonstration started at the U.S. State Department and continued to the White House and the CNN Head Quarters in Washington, D.C.

Eritreans from Boston, MA, New York, NY, and as far away as Philadelphia, PA, traveled and participated in the demonstration.



## A Successful Event at DFW

Saba Zeru is a resident of Richardson, Texas, and a hardworking Eritrean. For her 60th birthday, instead of celebrating, she decided to give back to her community by feeding the homeless on behalf of the Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Eritrean Community. She made arrangements to provide 250 families at the Austin Street Shelter in Dallas, Texas. She invited her family, her friends, and the Eritrean community to participate. The food was delicious and prepared by one of our chefs, Nazaret Gebretnsae. The day went great, and everyone enjoyed the experience. We were blessed to know Saba and be part of it. This is one of many acts of kindness that Saba has shown to her community and her people. Saba and the Eritrean people who participate on the occasion have shown the Eritrean culture and kindness.

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