



**The Republic of Armenia
celebrates the**

20th

**anniversary of independence
in 2011**

On August 23, 2010 Armenia celebrates the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Armenia. On August 23, 1990 Armenia declared its sovereignty from the Soviet Union. It took another 13 months for Armenia to fully become independent after an overwhelming majority of Armenians on September 21, 1991 voted in a referendum to become an independent nation.

It is the day which signifies the point in time when dreams of the people of Armenia and the entire Armenian nation began to turn into play, it also symbolizes our centuries-long yearning for independence.

Many Armenians believe and say "As we celebrate this monumental turning point in our nation's history and acknowledge the advances made in nation-building and the preservation of our statehood, we, as a nation, must pledge to uphold the sacred principles outlined in the document and marshal the effort to ensure Armenia's independence and freedom".