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National Museum  
*of American Diplomacy*



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### Statement of Support for the National Museum of American Diplomacy

American leadership and engagement matter. America's diplomats engage the world to build the cooperation necessary for our common peace, prosperity, security, and equality. Throughout history, diplomacy has shaped our lives and our nation. Our diplomatic history is one we can be proud of, learn from, and share with American and foreign audiences.

At the National Museum of American Diplomacy, the history, practice, and challenges of American diplomacy will be brought to light. From our first treaty in 1778 to current international relationships, visitors will discover how U.S. diplomats protect the American people and advance security, prosperity, democracy, and development to benefit our country. Through interactive exhibits, educational resources, and diverse programming, the museum will connect the service of the diplomatic corps to the everyday lives of American families.

For me, this mission is particularly personal as the tradition of public service in my family is a source of tremendous pride. My uncle, Alan Blinken, served as Ambassador to Belgium, and my father, Donald Blinken, served as Ambassador to Hungary. I have experienced first-hand the effort and sacrifice the diplomatic corps makes every day on behalf of the American people.

That is why I am committed as Secretary of State to building the National Museum of American Diplomacy. As we ensure that diplomacy is at the forefront of our engagements with other nations, we must ensure that we share the story of diplomacy.

Now is the time to honor the stories of diplomacy. Now is the time to celebrate the impact of American diplomacy. Now is the time for all of us to commit to making the National Museum of American Diplomacy a reality.

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