

# Eritrean Independence Day 2011 in San Jose, California

Eritreans in San Jose and environs celebrated their Independence Day, under the theme, “20 Years of Dignity and Pride” on Saturday, May 21, 2011 with great national fervor in a greatly organized, inclusive and harmonious manner.

To highlight the Independence event and thus Eritreans’ achievements abroad and in connection to the motherland, the program, organized by National Holidays Coordinating Committee, along with Eritrean Community Cultural & Development Center from San Jose and environs once again awarded congratulating certificate to this year’s Class 2011 graduates.



This year’s celebration was testimony indeed that it was Pride and Dignity to learn from San Jose’s YPFDJ group Timeline presentation, highlighting the 20 years developments and achievements of Eritrea, year by year, in Self Reliance, citing events of Tocar Dam construction to putting forth Nakfa Currency, to building Sembel Complex, to Harena Boat factory, to Hirgigo Power Plant construction, to Medical School achievements, to Events that took place against the UN, to preservation and strengthening our defense forces and the like.



The celebrating mood was one of a kind that would last in memories, years to come, with the hall full to its capacity and musicians playing and entertaining us till about 3:00 AM. It was magnificent and Independence indeed, thanks to our Martyrs who gave their lives for this purpose and thanks to our visionary leaders who lead our resistance against bigotry & injustice.



This year's San Jose celebration, in relation to our hard earned Independence, like other cities, has once again proved and guaranteed the Bay Area's solidarity with Eritreans at home and abroad in defense of our Motherland, Eritrea.



Against all the Sanction Odds, we will Never Kneel Down !

Eternal Glory to our Martyrs !

Wetru Awet n'Hafash !

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