

**REMARKS OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO
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UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF HER LETTER OF CREDENCE
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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Dear Mr. President,

I am honored and deeply moved to stand here today in the White House to present my Letter of Credence to you.

Our Sovereign, His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, has entrusted me with the most inspiring mission to represent Him in the United States and to serve as His Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

It is my honor to express, on behalf of our Sovereign, to you and to the American people, His very best wishes for your personal good health and happiness as well as that of your family, and for the continued prosperity of the United States of America, the influence of its ideals and the wellbeing of its people.

Our two countries share a strong commitment to international cooperation in addressing some of the world's greatest challenges and opportunities, and seek to promote peace, human rights and dignity, ethics, and greater freedom.

Environmental protection and the future of our planet are key issues on our Sovereign's agenda. His Highness launched His own Foundation in 2006 – The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation – dedicated to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development on a global scale. With chapters in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Singapore, the Foundation has already supported 239 projects with nearly USD30 million around the world, specifically in the Mediterranean Basin, the polar regions and in the Least Developed Countries.

Our U.S. chapter works closely with some of your greatest institutions such as the American Museum of Natural History, the Field Museum, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Smithsonian Institution among others. We are also looking forward to holding the annual Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Awards for the first time in the United States at The Annenberg Retreat at Sunnylands in October of next year.

The encouragement and advancement of scientific research have been a tradition for over a century in Monaco. It was initiated by Prince Albert I, the great-great-grandfather of Our Sovereign, whose pioneering expeditions and research established the foundations of modern oceanography. In recognition of his significant contributions, he was awarded the prestigious Alexander Agassiz Medal by the National Academy of Sciences in 1918.

The Principality of Monaco has ever since been fulfilling the wish of Prince Albert I and working whole-heartedly to encourage international scientific co-operation in the key areas of oceanography and anthropology, the protection of nature and the fight against marine pollution. Today, the *Centre Scientifique de Monaco* (Monaco Scientific Centre), founded by Prince Rainier III in 1960, proudly carries on oceanographic research and supports governmental and international organizations responsible for the protection and conservation of marine life. Since 2009, its scope has expanded to include biomedical research.

Recently, Our Sovereign, H.S.H. Prince Albert II, took an active part in the completion of a partnership agreement between the University of Pennsylvania's Penn Medicine and Monaco's Princess Grace Hospital. The new venture aims to promote cooperation and exchanges in education, research and treatment in various medical fields such as cardiology and oncology. Professor Nadir Saoudi, Head of Cardiology at the Princess Grace Hospital and Professor at UPENN, initiated this project. The Monaco-USA "Arrhythmia Course" that he has been organizing for the past three years, has become a respected international training protocol among cardiologists, and served as a starting point to the collaboration.

This endeavor is just one of the many ties that continue to unite Monaco and the United States in the pursuit of our nations' shared interests and ideals. However, it was when Philadelphia-born Academy Award winning actress Grace Kelly – one of this country's shining stars – stepped onto the shores of Monaco that the ties between our two countries were truly cemented in history. Since her fairytale wedding to Prince Rainier in 1956, Americans have come to the Principality in ever-increasing numbers. Today, they represent one of the top five nationalities visiting Monaco.

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA continues to celebrate the artistic legacy of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco. Over the last thirty years, the Foundation has awarded more than USD10 million to nearly 600 aspiring artists in theater, dance, and film nation-wide, in the form of grants, scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships.

Today, a new generation has accepted the baton of public service and leadership in philanthropy and charitable endeavors in Monaco. At Her own initiative, Her Serene Highness Princess Charlene of Monaco, a respected athlete, has established Her foundation. She was also recently named “Ambassador for Peace” by Monaco’s Peace and Sport - an international goodwill organization. As a young woman and sports figure on the world stage, Her voice in the defense of children’s rights, safety and education cannot be underestimated.

On a personal note, I would like to share the significance of this moment here today. If I was privileged to be born in Monaco and to grow up in that peaceful, beautiful haven on the Mediterranean Sea, I was also blessed to come to the United States as a young woman. I chose to leave the comfort of my family and life in Monaco at the age of 22 to move to New York in pursuit of the “American Dream.” This country welcomed me with an encouraging heart and open arms, and gave me strength of character and a sense of purpose. It has been an inspiring journey and this appointment is a most gratifying and humbling acknowledgement. Although my heart may always be in Monaco, my spirit is forever linked to the United States – a place I call “home” and where my daughters, Kimberly and Gabrielle, were born and raised.

Mr. President, it is with great honor and heartfelt gratitude that I will continue to serve my country in my new post by working tirelessly to strengthen the deep and friendly bonds that unite our two nations, and proudly foster Monégasque-American relations in culture, science, business and tourism.

Respectfully,