
AZERBAIJAN MARKS 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATE INDEPENDENCE

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Today, Azerbaijan marks the 26th anniversary of the restoration of its state independence.

The Constitutional Act about the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan was adopted at the session of the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan on October 18, 1991.

The document reads that based on the Declaration of Independence adopted by the Azerbaijan National Council on 28 May 1918 and on the democratic principles and traditions of the Republic of Azerbaijan and following the Declaration adopted by the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan on 30 August 1991, the Supreme Council of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopts this Constitutional Act and institutes the basic principles of the state, political and economic structure of the independent Republic of Azerbaijan.

A referendum was held in Azerbaijan on December 29. The referendum bulletins asked the voters: Do you support the Constitutional Act about the State Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, adopted by the Supreme Council of Azerbaijan?

The people of Azerbaijan unanimously voted for the state independence.

In May 1992, Azerbaijan's Milli Majlis (Parliament) adopted the national anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan (music by composer Uzeyir Hajibeyov, lyrics by poet Ahmad Javad) and later on, the three-color national flag and the national emblem depicting eight-point star with the flames.

Azerbaijan has been celebrating October 18 as a holiday since 1992.