

**We Must Mark the 20th Independence Day with
Defiance and Contemplation**

Eritrean Global Solidarity (EGS) would like to extend its appreciation to all activists who have worked hard to organize an ongoing peaceful protest around the world condemning the brutal regime in Asmara and demanding that the world take notice of the massive suffering and heart ratching tragedy imposed on the Eritrean people.

The 20th. Eritrean Independence Day has to be a day where the voices of justice and democracy will gather in unison, wherever in the world they maybe, and send a clear and unambiguous message that the days of the authoritarian regime in Asmara have to come to an end.

The message simply put has to be: 20 Years is
Enough! It is time for change.

After a national tragedy of immense proportion where almost 400 Eritreans were drowned in the Mediterranean we cannot celebrate this Independence Day in the usual way. We recommend that this day be focused on contemplation of what price Eritreans are paying under this tyranny and a day of commitment for each of us to make a solemn commitment to stand firm in solidarity with our people and struggle to bring a closure to the darkness thus has descended on Eritrea and the Eritrean people.

EGS fully supports the extraordinary effort being made by the Organizing Committee for Washington DC Demonstration and EYC to stage a massive demonstration in Washington DC and San Francisco on May 27, 2011 and encourages all its member organizations and Eritreans all over the United States to join these two historic demonstrations and send a clear message to the people of Eritrea that we hear their demand and stand with them firmly.

We encourage the Eritrean youth in the Diaspora to step up and lead these demonstrations and claim their historic role as leaders of the struggle for rule of law, democracy and justice.

We encourage the world wide protests to continue and expand in form and content before and after the Independence Day. Every single voice matters.

EGS Executives

Symposium Program

Date : May 28th, 2011

Place:

Program:

7:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:30 OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:00 PART I

11:00 BREAK (Exhibits, Posters)

11:15 – 12:00 PART II

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 PART III

2:45 – 3:00 BREAK (Exhibits, Posters)

3:00 – 5:30 PART IV (Panel Discussions)

5:00– 8:00 Networking

8:00 pm to 2:00 AM Live Music











2nd Symposium on Eritrean Human Rights & Refugee Crisis Alexandria, Virginia May 28, 2011

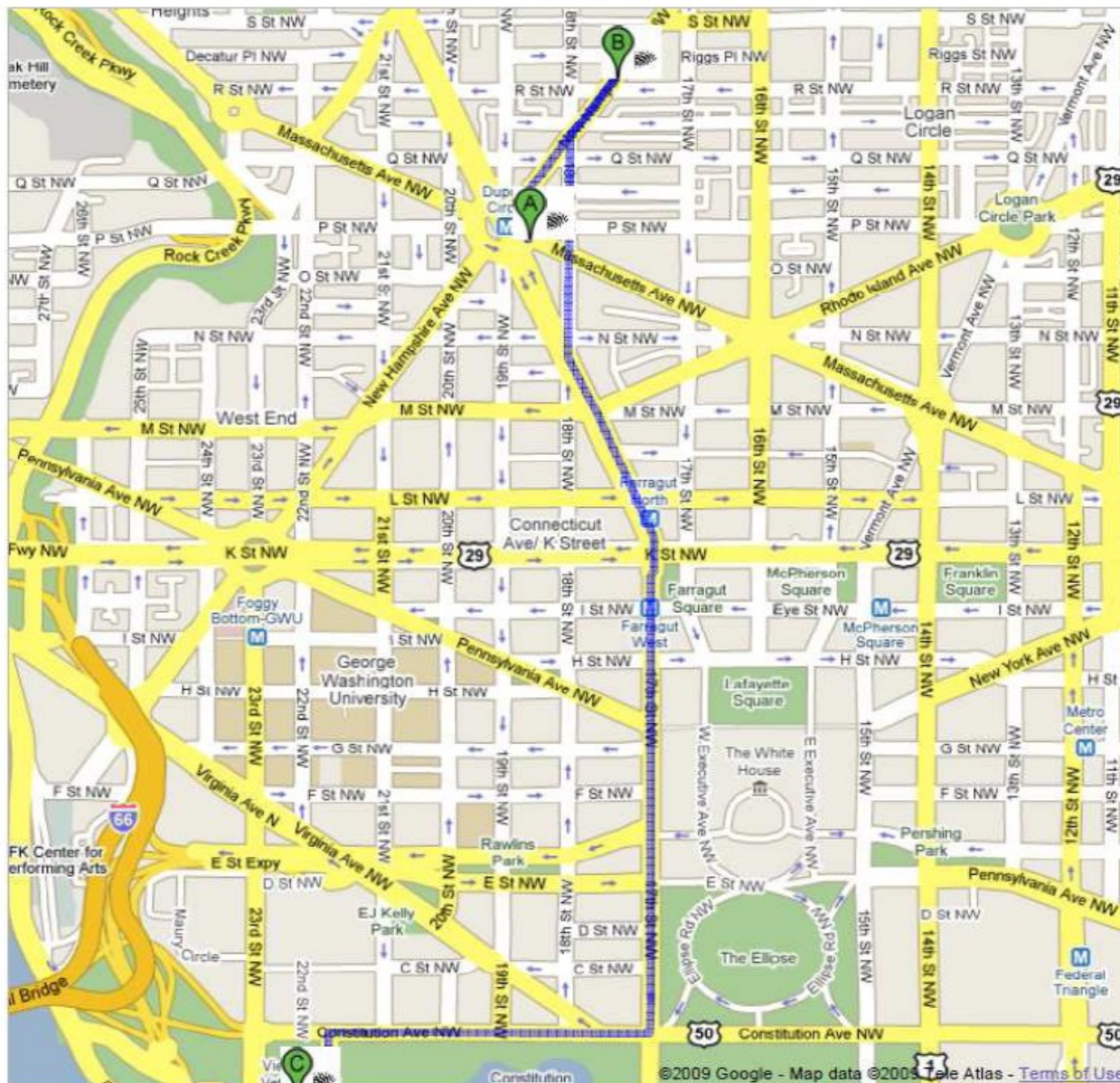


Hilton Alexandria Mark Center,
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia



WASHINGTON DC DEMONSTRATION

Directions	Miles
 Dupont Circle NW Head northeast on Dupont Circle NW toward Massachusetts Ave NW About 1 min	go 335 ft total 335 ft
 Turn right at New Hampshire Ave NW About 5 mins	go 0.2 mi total 0.3 mi
 Eritrea Embassy 1708 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009 Head southwest on New Hampshire Ave NW toward R St NW About 2 mins	go 0.1 mi total 0.1 mi
 Slight left at 18th St NW About 6 mins	go 0.3 mi total 0.4 mi
 Slight left at Connecticut Ave NW About 6 mins	go 0.3 mi total 0.8 mi
 Continue on 17th St NW About 14 mins	go 0.7 mi total 1.5 mi
Turn right at Constitution Ave NW/US-50 About 9 mins	go 0.5 mi total 1.9 mi
 Turn left at Henry Bacon Dr NW About 2 mins	go 0.1 mi total 2.1 mi
 Henry Bacon Dr NW, Washington, DC 20037	



May 27th, 2011

10:00 AM = Dupont Circle NW
11:30 AM = Eritrea Embassy 1708 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009
02:30 PM = State Department (Henry Bacon Dr NW, Washington, DC 20037)

Washington, DC Demonstration Committee