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INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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AS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, I AM TRULY HONORED and the same time Humbled to Lead MARINA In *"NAVIGATING CHANGE, And SHAPING THE MARITIME FUTURE."*

FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE MANDATE OF PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE WITNESSED

REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATIONS— TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS, REGULATORY CHANGES, AND SHIFTS IN GLOBAL TRADE DYNAMICS. EACH OF THESE CHANGES HAS PRESENTED US WITH CHALLENGES, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY HAVE OPENED DOORS TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

NAVIGATING CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. IT REQUIRES US TO BE ADAPTABLE, TO EMBRACE INNOVATION, AND TO BE WILLING TO STEP OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONES. JUST AS A SHIP MUST ADJUST ITS SAILS TO HARNESS THE WINDS, WE TOO MUST BE READY TO ADJUST OUR STRATEGIES AND APPROACHES TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF AN EVER-EVOLVING MARITIME LANDSCAPE.

IN THIS JOURNEY, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT CHANGE IS NOT SOMETHING TO FEAR; IT IS SOMETHING TO EMBRACE. IT IS THROUGH CHANGE THAT WE GROW, LEARN, AND ULTIMATELY SHAPE OUR FUTURE. THE MARITIME INDUSTRY IS AT A PIVOTAL MOMENT, WHERE SUSTAINABILITY, DIGITALIZATION, AND SAFETY ARE NOT JUST BUZZWORDS BUT ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF OUR COLLECTIVE MISSION. WE HAVE THE POWER TO LEAD THIS TRANSFORMATION, TO SET NEW STANDARDS, AND TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

AS WE NAVIGATE THESE WATERS, LET US DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THE RESILIENCE OF OUR ORGANIZATION. THINK OF THE COUNTLESS SEAFARERS WHO BRAVE THE OPEN SEAS, FACING UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER AND CHALLENGING CONDITIONS. THEIR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION REMIND US THAT WE TOO CAN OVERCOME OBSTACLES, NO MATTER HOW DAUNTING THEY MAY SEEM.

LET US ALSO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE, COOPERATION AND COMMITMENT, JUST AS A SHIP RELIES ON ITS CREW TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER—ACROSS SECTIONS, DIVISIONS, AND SERVICE UNITS AND MROS—TO ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOALS. LETS HAVE THE SYNERGY TO CREATE A STRONGER, MORE UNIFIED MARINA THAT IS PREPARED TO FACE THE FUTURE.

AS WE CELEBRATE TODAY, LET US TAKE A MOMENT TO REFLECT ON OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS INDUSTRY. EACH ONE OF US PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN SHAPING THE MARITIME FUTURE. WHETHER YOU ARE A DIRECTOR, SUPERVISOR, INSPECTOR OR SURVEYOR, AUDITOR, EVALUATOR, CASHIER, ACCOUTANT, OR ADMINISITRATIVE ASSISTANT OR AIDE, ALL YOUR EFFORTS MATTER. YOUR PASSION AND DEDICATION ARE WHAT DRIVE THIS ORGANIZATION FORWARD. THANK YOU AO

MUCH FOR YOUR HARDWORK, SACRIFICES, AND DEDICATION TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY, PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE, THE TRUE SERVICE OUR STAKEHOLDERS DESERVE.

IN CLOSING, I URGE EACH OF YOU TO EMBRACE THE CHANGES AHEAD WITH AN OPEN HEART AND A DETERMINED SPIRIT. AS I SAID EARLIER, WE IN MARINA ARE NOT PASSENGERS, WE ARE THE NAVIGATORS, NAVIGATORS STEERING OUR INDUSTRY TOWARDS A FUTURE THAT IS NOT ONLY PROSPEROUS BUT ALSO SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE. TOGETHER, WE CAN SHAPE A MARITIME FUTURE THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF.

AGAIN, HAPPY 51ST ANNIVERSARY TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY! LET US CONTINUE TO NAVIGATE CHANGE AND SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.

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