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I extend my heartiest felicitation to the office bearers of Pakistani American Community of Long Island (PACOLI) for organizing family festival to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan. It is gratifying to see the Pakistani community celebrating Independence Day of Pakistan with zeal and fervor.

The hardworking and law abiding Pakistani community has immensely contributed in the progress and development of the United States as well as Pakistan. While maintaining their socio-cultural identity, the community has blended well in the American society. It is playing a very useful role in further augmenting our friendly relations with the United States.

While celebrating and rejoicing this happy occasion, we must reflect and pay homage to the tremendous sacrifices of our forefathers which led to the creation of Pakistan on August 14, 1947. This day reminds us of the heroic and relentless struggle that the Muslims of the sub-continent waged for a separate homeland under the inspiring and dynamic leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

On this auspicious Day, let us rededicate ourselves to the ideals of our forefathers. Let us renew our pledge to untiring and diligent work for the progress and development of Pakistan. Let us be united in our joint efforts to further broaden and deepen the strategic ties that exist between Pakistan and the United States.

(Faqir Syed Asif Hussain)