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H. E. The President,  
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Your Excellency,

**PETITION TO SUBSTITUTE GHANA'S 66TH NATIONWIDE INDEPENDENCE DAY  
CELEBRATIONS WITH A NATIONAL BROADCAST BY H.E NANA AKUFO ADDO**

I wish to officially petition your good office in the spirit of my unflinching allegiance and loyalty to your Presidency and the forward march of our Homeland, Ghana and state as follows:

That, Your Excellency, I admit at the outset, the relevance of the underpinning historical lessons of our Independence and the need to repetitively echo same on every 6th March.

That, the impending 6th March, 2023, rather falls within a moment of economic quagmire where uncertainty, hopelessness and despair among the citizenry is rife.

That, the ongoing Domestic Debt Exchange Programme (DDEP), non-payment of Staff of the Office of Special Prosecutor, unpaid allowance of the recently faced out NABCo Trainees, the latest special Auditor General's Report on COVID-19 receipts and expenditure, coupled with the unsettled conversation of the National Cathedral, just to mention a few, leaves us with the option of self introspection instead of Independence Anniversary Celebrations, in my candid opinion.

That, a simple hypothetical analysis should reveal that, if each of the 216 MMDAs spends Ten Thousand Ghana Cedis (10,000.00), it will cost the tax payer, Two Million, One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Cedis (Ghc 2,160,000.00), if each of the 16 Regional Celebrations should cost Twenty Thousand Ghana Cedis, (Ghc 20,000.00) it will cost the Regions, Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Cedis (Ghc 320,000.00) and if we spend Five Hundred Thousand Ghana Cedis (Ghc 500,000.00) on the National event, the state will eventually spend a whopping Two Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Thousand Ghana Cedis (Ghc 2,980,000.00) which will be a good enough money to ease a specific burden on the Economy in these post-COVID recovery times.

That, Your Excellency, every pesewa spent, every rehearsal launched, every student set out to march under these turbulent economic circumstances, in the final sense, will not only evoke our collective

insensitivity to the plight of Ghanaians, but will further expose our malicious ill-will prompting an urge to further dissipate our haemorrhagic Public Purse which you promised to protect.

That, in the light of the foregoing, just as the vast majority of our population, I should be grateful if you could use your good office to suspend the Nationwide Celebrations and replace same with a simple National Broadcast in a "Fellow Ghanaians" fashion by your good self, as you deliver the anniversary speech, Your Excellency.

I count on your expedited action on this subject, Mr. President.

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

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**The Chairman,**  
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**The Honourable Minister,**  
Interior Ministry,  
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**His Royal Majesty,**  
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