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# Independence Day - Monarchy of Mount Vema marks 15 years of history

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**July 28, 2021** – His Majesty Peter J. Goldishman of Mount Vema – The Vema Seamount Authority and his wife Lady Trinity of Mount Vema have released a rare photo together to mark Independence Day 2021.

Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2021 marks 15 years of significant establishment of statehood based on this ancient island (known today as Mount Vema) which has eroded by millions of years of wave action. With the declaration of sovereignty, Peter Goldishman has demonstrated to the world that you don't cease to exist just because you are underwater. You simply adapt to the world's changing environment and carry on.

Independence Day is one of the most special events of the year for the Mount Vema Society, and this year bank holiday has been moved to Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, to celebrate the day Vema Seamount, and its adjacent waters became a sovereign territory.

When it was declared independent by Peter J. Goldishman in 2006, the submerged island then known simply as Vema, was never a nation or part of a nation, an empire or part of an empire, nor a trusteeship. 2006 does not represent "independence" in the strict sense either, but rather a significant nationhood event which is the founding date of the state.

This year, just like in 2020, there will be no private events, no parties, no high-profile dinners, Mount Vema Independence Day will be celebrated in private. All services provided by Mount Vema institutions including services provided online will be closed for business until Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, except for security and emergency services.



