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Good day. I'm NASA astronaut Chris
Cassidy, commander of the International

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Space Station, orbiting 260 miles above
the Earth with my NASA crewmates Doug

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Hurley and Bob Behnken. We're taking a
moment out of our schedule to honor the

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244th birthday of the United States
of America and we hope that you are

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doing the same. Even though we are living
during unprecedented, challenging times,

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the spirit and resolute will of our
country and all Americans has never been

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stronger as we give thanks for the
freedom and the bounty of riches our

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nation provides all of us. This American
flag was launched on the very first

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space shuttle mission in 1981 and re-flown on the final space shuttle mission

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nine years ago. Doug and I will bring Old
Glory home with us on our Endeavour Crew

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Dragon spacecraft, so it can be flown yet again when Americans launch on the Orion

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spacecraft to place American boots on the Moon. Our flag is not only symbolic

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of our fervent love of our country, but represents the spirit of American drive

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and exploration that will lead us once again, a new generation of explorers, to

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venture back to the Moon and beyond in the years to come. So take a moment as we

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are to reflect on our history, America's place in the world, and all that freedom