



República Bolivariana de Venezuela

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**BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
PEOPLE'S POWER MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN RELATIONS**

COMMUNIQUE

The President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro Moros, and the Venezuelan people join to the people and government of Costa Rica to commemorate the 186th anniversary of the birth of the Grand National Hero, Juan Santamaria.

Juan Santamaria's courage and fighting spirit against the neo-colonialist interests, which led him to undertake the National Campaign against the filibusters, nowadays remember –160 years after that feat– that no imperial power may undermine the homeland's soil when the people is determined to be free and only subjected to its own will. As the distinguished Costa Rican Juan Rafael Morras Porras would say: "The peoples who do not defend their own, end up being tenants in their own countries."

The government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela avails of this opportunity to express the most profound feeling of love for the people of Costa Rica and reaffirms its will to establish relations based on mutual respect that lead our governments and peoples towards building the Latin American Grand Homeland.

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