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American Cruise Lines *Independence* Named on July 4th

Guilford, CT - United States Senator Susan M. Collins will christen *Independence* the fifth ship in the American Cruise Lines fleet on July 4, 2010 in Rockland, ME.

The Naming Ceremony will be held in Rockland Harbor, Maine, starting at 9:15 in the morning. Rockland will present the Chairman of American Cruise Lines, with the key to the city. Rockland will also hold a reception at the Maine Lighthouse Museum, located in the harbor at 1 Park Drive, beginning at 8:45 AM.

The Naming Ceremony is during the first of 13 Maine Coast and Harbors -7 night cruises for the *Independence* following her Maiden Voyage on the Chesapeake Bay and the Grand New England 10 day Inaugural Cruise from Providence, RI to Portland ME. The *Independence* will homeport in Portland ME, for all of the Maine Coast and Harbors Cruises. Bangor will be a turn around port for the Grand New England Cruises.

The new American flagged ship shares all the American Cruise Lines qualities of innovative modern designs, which include state of the art technologies. The fully stabilized ship meets all the newest and most stringent safety and environmental standards.

The *Independence* accommodates 104 passengers with a greater number of balcony staterooms than any other in the fleet. It will have an elevator that reaches all decks, a larger dining room, individual climate control in every stateroom, Internet access, and many other modern conveniences expected by the discerning traveler.

American Cruise Lines is honored to have Senator Collins Name the *Independence* on our country's birthday, July 4, 2010.

Maine voters first elected Susan M. Collins to represent them in the United States Senate in 1996. She was reelected in 2002 and 2008. She has earned a national reputation as a thoughtful, effective legislator, who works across party lines to seek consensus on our nation's most important issues. Senator Collins is the 15th woman in history to be elected to the Senate in her own right.

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About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines operates the newest fleet of small ships in the industry and offers twelve unique itineraries along the inland waterways and rivers of the Pacific Northwest and East Coast of the United States. To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit its website at www.americancruiselines.com or call (800) 814-6880.