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## National Anthem and Pledge

The National Anthem of Singapore, Majulah Singapura (Onward Singapore), was written by Encik Zubir Said in 1958 as a theme song for the state. It became Singapore's national anthem when Singapore gained independence in 1965. The anthem is sung in its original Malay lyrics.

The National Pledge was written by Singapore's first Foreign Minister, the late Mr S. Rajaratnam, in 1966. His inspiration was to build "a Singapore we are proud of". The pledge serves as a reminder that language, race and religious differences between Singaporeans can be overcome if people cared enough about the country. It is compulsory for schools to sing the National Anthem and recite the Pledge every morning.

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