

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people; and

WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, Greek soldiers were with the United States Marines on the shores of Tripoli in the military operations memorialized in the United States Marines' Hymn; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans fought alongside the Greeks in their fight for Greek independence, while stirring speeches by President James Monroe and Daniel Webster led the Congress to send funds and supplies to aid the Greeks in the struggle for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Greece is one of only three nations in the world, beyond the former British Empire, that has been allied with the United States in every major international conflict in the twentieth century, including World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the Balkans; and

WHEREAS, Greece and the United States of America are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights; and

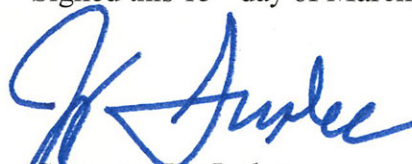
WHEREAS, March 25, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as

Greek Independence Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2021


Governor Jay Inslee

