

# 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 Founders 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 Marine Corps' Hymn; and

**WHEREAS**, many Americans fought alongside the Greeks in their fight for Greek independence, while stirring speeches by President James Monroe and Representative Daniel Webster led 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, 2023, marks the 202nd anniversary of the beginning of the revolution that freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire;

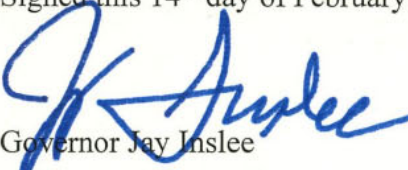
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2023, as

### *Greek Independence Day*

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



Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023

  
Governor Jay Inslee