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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

RECOGNIZING MARCH 25, 2022 AS "GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the year 2022 will mark the 201st Anniversary of Greek Independence; and

2 WHEREAS, the Greek people proudly trace their heritage back thousands of years in Europe, where they
3 developed an advanced civilization unlike any the world had yet seen; and

4 WHEREAS, upon the fall of the City of Constantinople in 1453, the Greek people began almost four centuries
5 under foreign rule in the Ottoman Empire; and

6 WHEREAS, in March 1821, the yearning for Greek independence inspired multiple militias to engage in battles
7 against the Ottoman Empire including an incursion into Moldavia led by Alexandros Ypsilantis, and various skirmishes in
8 the Peloponnese and on several islands; and

9 WHEREAS, on March 25, 1821, Bishop Germanos of Patras raised the Greek flag at the Monastery of Agia Lavra
10 in the Peloponnese, marking the beginning of the war for independence; and

11 WHEREAS, in January 1822, the Greeks officially declared independence from the Ottoman Empire; and

12 WHEREAS, the Greeks valiantly waged war against their Ottoman rulers under the brave leadership of Theodoris
13 Kolokotronis for almost nine years until a part of modern Greece was declared independent; and

14 WHEREAS, the war of independence was formally concluded in 1832 with the signing of the Treaty of
15 Constantinople, further expanding the borders of a modern, independent Greek state; and

16 WHEREAS, March 25th is celebrated as Independence Day in Greece and in Greek communities around the
17 world, commemorating the beginning of the war of independence; and

18 WHEREAS, throughout history, the Greek people have exhibited an enduring sense of bravery in rising up against
19 oppressors; with Winston Churchill noting in a famed World War II speech that "Until now we used to say that the Greeks
20 fight like heroes. Now we shall say: The heroes fight like Greeks"; and

21 WHEREAS, Ancient Greece has shaped modern society by originating the concepts of Logic, Science, Lyrics,
22 Philosophy, and History as well as being the birthplace of democratic ideals, inspiring the notion of participation in
23 government which influenced the framing of the United States Constitution; and

24 WHEREAS, Greece has continued to enrich our culture in the fields of literature, philosophy, and architecture, and
25 has promoted the modern Olympic Games, hosting the first in 1896 and most recently in 2004; and

26 WHEREAS, we also honor Greek-Americans in Delaware who have improved our community, shown love for
27 family, and shared with us their traditions to learn and celebrate; and

28 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Senate to recognize those Delawareans of Hellenic descent for their enduring
29 contributions to the educational, social, moral, and economic principles that are so deeply ingrained in the fabric of our
30 country and State.

31 NOW, THEREFORE:

32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly that March 25, 2022, will be celebrated as the
33 201st Anniversary of Greek Independence and that the Senate reaffirms Delaware's abiding commitment to the magnificent
34 principles of democracy and religious freedom and urges Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the
35 Ecumenical Patriarchate.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be and hereby is authorized and directed to
37 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Wilmington, members of
38 Delaware's Congressional delegation, and Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Archdiocese of America.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes March 25 as "Greek Independence Day" in Delaware.

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