A Proclamation

Whereas, On March 25th, 1821, Bishop Germanos of Patras raised the Greek flag at the monastery of Agias Lavras in the Peloponnese, signaling the beginning of an eight year war of independence from the Ottoman Empire; and

Whereas, The help from Great Britain, France and Russia, namely at the battle of the Bay of Navarino in 1827 and the Russian army’s invasion and forced surrender of Constantinople in 1829, greatly contributed to the ending of the War of Greek Independence; and

Whereas, Since the revolution and the birth of the modern Greek nation in 1830, Greece has supported and vowed its solidarity with America in every major conflict of the 20th century and in the ongoing effort to spread freedom, human rights, and global democracy; and

Whereas, Our vibrant Greek American community has made tremendous contributions to the Commonwealth’s society and culture,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim March 25th, 2019, to be,

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twentieth day of March, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Charles Baker
Governor of the Commonwealth

Karyn E. Polito
Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts