

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 281 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MALAGARI, FREEMAN, BRENNAN, SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ,
R. MACKENZIE, McNEILL, KAZEEM, HILL-EVANS, GUENST AND
SOLOMON, DECEMBER 11, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, DECEMBER 11, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 25, 2024, as "Greek Independence Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The ancient Greeks developed democracy, in which the
4 power to govern was vested in the people; and

5 WHEREAS, The Founding Fathers of the United States drew upon
6 the experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming its
7 representative democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, Many Americans fought alongside the Greeks in their
9 fight for independence; and

10 WHEREAS, Greece was allied with the United States in every
11 major international conflict in the 20th century; and

12 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill said of the Greeks, "Hence, we
13 will not say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes
14 fight like Greeks"; and

15 WHEREAS, Greece and the United States serve as the forefront
16 of the worldwide effort to promote freedom, democracy, peace,
17 stability and human rights, ideals which have forged a close

1 bond between our nations; and

2 WHEREAS, Approximately 3 million proud Greek Americans have
3 established an enduring bridge between the United States and
4 Greece, remaining connected to their heritage and passing their
5 traditions on to new generations; and

6 WHEREAS, Greek Americans in this Commonwealth have played a
7 significant role in the economic, cultural and social
8 development of this Commonwealth; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate March
10 25, 2024, as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth recognize
13 the struggles of the Greek people for freedom in their homeland
14 and reflect upon the importance of self-determination for all
15 the people of the world.