THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 55 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY COLLETT, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, PHILLIPS-HILL,
FARNESE, SANTARSIERO, AUMENT, HUGHES, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA,
KILLION, BLAKE, J. WARD, HAYWOOD AND YUDICHAK, MARCH 25, 2019

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating March 25, 2019, 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 Senate designate March 25, 2019, as "Greek

10 Independence Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

11   RESOLVED, That all residents of this Commonwealth recognize

12 the struggles of the Greek people for freedom in their homeland

13 and reflect upon the importance of self-determination for all

14 the people of the world.