

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, March 25, 1947 is the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the independence of Greece from the Ottoman Empire, and

WHEREAS, this victory has been regarded for generations by writers and leaders as symbolic of the fight for freedom, and

WHEREAS, one of the greatest literary figures of English history, George Lord Byron died of exposure while taking part in this fight for freedom led by Alexander Ypsilanti,

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina call to the attention of the people of this State the significance in history of this great struggle for freedom and independence. The words of Byron are particularly apt in reference to this celebration:
"For freedom's battle, once begun, Bequeath'd by bleeding sire to son, Though baffled oft, is ever won."

I extend greetings, on behalf of the people of South Carolina, to the many fine citizens of Greek ancestry who reside in the State.

Given unto my hand and seal this 25th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty seven.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor