

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(Greek Independence Day)

WHEREAS, March 25, 1948, is the 127th anniversary of the

Independence of Greece from the Ottoman Empire, and

WHEREAS, the achievement of Greek Independence has for gener-

ations been regarded as symbolic of the fight of the

peoples of the world for freedom, and

WHEREAS, the words of Lord Byron -- "For freedom's battle once begun  
Bequeath'd by bleeding sire to son  
Though battled oft is ever won" --

are peculiarly appropriate to the present fight of the

Greek people to remain independent, now

THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of South Carolina, do

hereby designate and proclaim March 25, 1948, as Greek

Independence Day in South Carolina, and urge all citizens

to recognize the values which have been transmitted to us

by Greek civilization from the days of ancient Athens, and

urge them further to extend greetings to the many fine citi-

zens of Greek ancestry who live in our State and uphold our

traditions and form of government.

Given under my hand and seal  
this 24th day of March, in the  
year of our Lord, nineteen  
hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor