

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

Greek Independence Day - March 25, 1949

WHEREAS, on March 25th, 1821, the people of modern Greece attained their freedom, and have unceasingly fought to protect it since that time with the same courage and spirit of the ancient Lacedaemonians at Thermopylae, and

WHEREAS, in World War II Greece inspired the world by her resistance to aggression, and

WHEREAS, even today the people of Greece are in the forefront in the struggle for freedom and democracy and to stem the tide of Communism which threatens to engulf the world, and

WHEREAS, persons of Greek origin and descent have contributed greatly to the progress of the United States, and are loyal, industrious, and law-abiding citizens wherever they are to be found,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby designate and proclaim the day of March 25, 1949, as Greek Independence Day in South Carolina, and call upon our citizens to extend their greetings and good will to the many fine citizens of Greek ancestry who live in our State, in recognition of the countless values which have come to our civilization from both modern and ancient Greece.

Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor