

STATES OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "HELLENIC DAY"

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota has enacted a resolution requesting that the anniversary of Greek Independence be officially designated and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the Greeks of modern times became again an independent nation on March 25, 1821 through the unceasing sacrifice, faith and courage of her people; and

WHEREAS, history records Greece as the birthplace of democracy and as the contributor to the world of much of the finest art, literature, philosophy, architecture and other cultural heritages; and

WHEREAS, Greece set an inspiring example in World War II to all freedom-loving people by her gallant stand against the invading forces of the Axis powers; and

WHEREAS, Greece, despite the tragic suffering and destruction inflicted by the enemy, remains staunch in her relentless fight against the foes of democracy; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Greek origin and descent have greatly contributed to the progress of America through their loyalty, industry and law-abiding conduct, and are noted for their community spirit in matters of charity and humane consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUTHER E. YOUNGDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 1949 as

"HELLENIC DAY"

and call upon all citizens and civic groups to join in appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the anniversary of Greek independence and in honor of the Greek people and our American citizens of Greek origin and descent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in Saint Paul this twenty-first day of March in the year of our lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine and of the state, the ninety-first.

Luther E. Youngdahl
GOVERNOR

APPROVED:

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