



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ancient Greece was the birthplace of democratic ideals; and
- WHEREAS: American founding fathers drew upon the ideals of the Ancient Greeks; and
- WHEREAS: Modern Greece suffered under 400 years of Turkish Ottoman subjugation and cruelties; and
- WHEREAS: During their enslavement under Turkish Ottoman rule Greeks continued to fight for freedom with the cry "Liberty or Death"; and
- WHEREAS: On March 25, 1921 Greece emerged once again as a nation of free people fighting for liberty from a tyrannical regime; and
- WHEREAS: March 25, 1988 marks the 167th year of Greek Independence where the principle and the preservation of civil and human rights reign supreme; and
- WHEREAS: Americans of Greek heritage have contributed significantly to the American ideal of democratic laws and principles by drawing on their Greek heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim March 25, 1988 to be

G R E E K I N D E P E N D E N C E D A Y :  
A C E L E B R A T I O N O F G R E E K A N D A M E R I C A N D E M O C R A C Y

in Minnesota.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
FILED

MAR 30 1988

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herewith set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

*Rudy Perpich*  
GOVERNOR

*Joan Anderson Howe*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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