

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

Rep. Afendoulis, Bollin, Crawford, Haadsma, Kahle, Love, Manoogian, Sabo, Shannon, Sneller and Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare March 25, 2019, as Greek Independence
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The concept of democracy, in which the supreme power
4 to govern was vested in the people, was developed by the ancient
5 Greeks; and

6 Whereas, The Founding Fathers of the United States were
7 heavily influenced by the political and philosophical principles of
8 ancient Greece; and

9 Whereas, Our Greek American community enriches our economic
10 and cultural development through its many contributions to science,



1 technology, medicine, government, economics, architecture, and the
2 arts; and

3 Whereas, Michigan is home to nearly 50,000 residents of Greek
4 descent; and

5 Whereas, Greece and the United States have been allies through
6 two World Wars, the Korean conflict, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the
7 Cold War; and

8 Whereas, Winston Churchill once said, "If there had not been
9 the virtue and courage of the Greeks, we do not know which the
10 outcome of World War II would have been" and "no longer will we say
11 that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks";
12 and

13 Whereas, March 25, 2019, marks the 198th anniversary of the
14 uprising that led to the War of Greek Independence from the Ottoman
15 Empire; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
17 this legislative body declare March 25, 2019, as Greek Independence
18 Day in the state of Michigan. We thank those of Greek heritage for
19 the important contributions they have made to our state and our
20 country.