

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 47

Rep. Afendoulis 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,  
11 technology, medicine, government, economics, architecture, and the  
12 arts; and



1       Whereas, Michigan is home to nearly 50,000 residents of Greek  
2 descent; and

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

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

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

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