

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Senators Stamas, Bayer, Moss and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to commemorate March 25, 2021, as Greek
2 Independence Day.

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 economic and
10 cultural development through its many contributions to science,
11 technology, medicine, government, economics, architecture, and the

1 arts; and

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

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

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

12 Whereas, March 25, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of the
13 uprising that led to the War of Greek Independence from the Ottoman
14 Empire; now, therefore, be it

15 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
16 body commemorate March 25, 2021, as Greek Independence Day. We
17 thank those individuals of Greek heritage for the important
18 contributions they have made to our state and our country.