

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO.36

Senator Stamas 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  
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 War, Operation Desert  
5 Storm, and the 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  
9 say that Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like  
10 Greeks"; and

11       Whereas, March 25, 2021, marks the 200th 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 Senate, That the members of this legislative  
15 body commemorate March 25, 2021, as Greek Independence Day. We  
16 thank those individuals of Greek heritage for the important  
17 contributions they have made to our state and our country.