

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—ASSEMBLYMEN
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ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT,
GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK,
HOGAN, HOLCOMB, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN,
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PARNELL, PERKINS, PIERCE, SEALE, SHERER, SIBLEY,
SMITH AND WEBER

MARCH 25, 2005

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CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD,
LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS,
SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND
WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes March 25, 2005, as Greek Independence
Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1401)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets **omitted material** is material to be omitted.

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March 25, 2005, as Greek Independence Day in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, Ancient Greece was the birthplace of the democratic
- 2 principles and thought that fundamentally shaped the growth of
- 3 democracy in world history, and our own democratic system of
- 4 government traces its earliest roots back to the beliefs in freedom
- 5 and representative government forged in classical Greece over 2500
- 6 years ago; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Greek literature, philosophy and theology form the
- 8 foundation of western culture, and ancient Greece was the birthplace
- 9 of the Olympic Games which today have become a celebration of
- 10 international brotherhood, competition, sportsmanship, goodwill and



1 peace, and demonstrate to all people of the world the unity of our
2 common humanity; and

3 WHEREAS, After losing their independence in 1453, the Greeks
4 bravely endured almost four centuries of foreign occupation,
5 preserving their culture, language and religion in the face of
6 oppression; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1821 at the monastery of Agia Lavras, Bishop
8 Germanos of Patras chose the Feast of the Annunciation of
9 Theotokos, one of the holiest days for Greek Orthodox Christians, to
10 deliver the message that a new spirit was about to be born in Greece
11 as he raised the banner of revolution to mark the beginning of the
12 war of independence against the Ottoman Empire; and

13 WHEREAS, After a long, hard-fought struggle that lasted 8 years
14 and involved countless sacrifices from the people of Greece for the
15 cause of freedom, the independence of Greece was finally
16 recognized with the signing of the Treaty of Andrianople on
17 September 2, 1829; and

18 WHEREAS, In the late 19th Century, many Greek families sent
19 their sons to the United States to earn wages and eventually return to
20 Greece to buy land there, and in the pursuit of this dream, some of
21 these immigrants made their way west to labor on the railroads and
22 in the mines of Nevada; and

23 WHEREAS, Although, in the spirit of patriotism, many Greeks
24 working in America returned to their motherland during the Balkan
25 Wars to fight on behalf of their country, immigration to America
26 resumed after World War I with the new dream of establishing
27 homes and businesses, and these Greek Americans brought with
28 them the cultural and social traditions of Greece which have helped
29 create the diversity that gives strength to this Country; and

30 WHEREAS, The ideals of ancient Greece have influenced
31 modern culture with important contributions in art, drama, literature,
32 philosophy, government, mathematics, science and architecture, and
33 the Greek Americans of today continue this legacy as they add their
34 unique talents and traditions to the mosaic that is the United States
35 of America; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
37 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
38 Nevada Legislature do hereby recognize March 25, 2005, as Greek
39 Independence Day in Nevada and join the entire Nation as it
40 celebrates "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of
41 Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That all residents of Nevada are called upon to
43 remember and cherish the democratic principles and love of
44 freedom that are our heritage from ancient Greece and to show



- 1 appreciation for the many contributions that Greek Americans have
- 2 made to our Country and our State.



