

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Assemblymen
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McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany,
Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing
March 25, 2005, as Greek Independence Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Ancient Greece was the birthplace of the democratic principles and thought that fundamentally shaped the growth of democracy in world history, and our own democratic system of government traces its earliest roots back to the beliefs in freedom and representative government forged in classical Greece over 2500 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Greek literature, philosophy and theology form the foundation of western culture, and ancient Greece was the birthplace of the Olympic Games which today have become a celebration of international brotherhood, competition, sportsmanship, goodwill and peace, and demonstrate to all people of the world the unity of our common humanity; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That all residents of Nevada are called upon to remember and cherish the democratic principles and love of freedom that are our heritage from ancient Greece and to show appreciation for the many contributions that Greek Americans have made to our Country and our State.