

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
MARCH 25, 2005

- WHEREAS,** *The ancient Greeks forged the notion of democracy. They believed in the right of self-governance - one of the foundations of our great nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our Founding Fathers relied on the political and philosophical experience of the ancient Greeks, and believed enough in its principles and values to risk their lives for it; and*
- WHEREAS,** *March 25th marks the 184th anniversary of the revolution that freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire and ended nearly 400 years of oppression. The Greek people sought the right to govern themselves and to determine their own destiny. It is important to recognize this day and for all to celebrate with Greece to reaffirm our common democratic heritage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Greece and the United States of America remain at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights.*
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 25, 2005 as GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 25th day of March
Two Thousand and five

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Michael S. Steele
Lt. Governor

R. Karl Fausman
Secretary of State