

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Committee
on Legislative Operations and Elections

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the 200th
anniversary of Greek independence.

WHEREAS, Ancient Greece was the birthplace of democratic principles that fundamentally shaped the growth of democracy in world history, and America’s democratic system of government traces its roots to the beliefs in freedom and representative government forged in classical Greece over 2,500 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Greek literature, philosophy and theology form a foundation for Western culture, and ancient Greece was the birthplace of the Olympic Games, which today have become a celebration of international competition, sportsmanship, goodwill and peace; and

WHEREAS, After losing their independence in 1453, the Greek people courageously endured almost 400 years of foreign occupation, while preserving their culture, language and religion in the face of fierce and often violent oppression; and

WHEREAS, On March 25, 1821, at the monastery of Agia Lavra, Bishop Germanos of Patras chose the Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, one of the holiest days for Greek Orthodox Christians, to deliver the message that a new spirit would be born in Greece as he raised the banner of revolution to mark the start of the War of Independence against the Ottoman Empire; and

WHEREAS, With the motto “Freedom or Death,” the Greek War for Independence was a long, hard-fought struggle that lasted 8 years, involving innumerable sacrifices from the Greek people for the cause of freedom, and ending with the independence of the new Greek nation recognized with the signing of the Treaty of Adrianople in September 1829, and subsequently with the Treaty of Constantinople in July 1832; and

WHEREAS, In the late Nineteenth Century, many Greeks immigrated to the United States looking for a better life and to help their loved ones back in Greece and, in pursuit of this dream, made their way to the western United States to work on the railroads and in the mines of the Great State of Nevada, many coming to Nevada with no possessions other than their willingness to work hard; and

WHEREAS, Although in the spirit of patriotism, many Greek immigrants returned to Greece during the Balkan Wars to fight as soldiers, immigration to the United States continued after World War I with the dream of establishing homes and businesses as Greek-Americans in their new adopted homeland and these new



Americans – these Greek-Americans – brought with them their cultural and social traditions, helping create the diversity that gives our Nation its great strength; 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 proud legacy as they add their unique talents and traditions to the mosaic that is our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize March 25, 2021, as the Bicentennial of Greek independence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all residents of Nevada are called upon to remember and appreciate the independence, creativity and love of freedom that is the rich heritage of our Greek-American Nevadans, and to recognize the countless contributions Greek-Americans have made to our Nation and our great State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

