

PROCLAMATION
205th Greek Independence Day
March 25th, 2026

WHEREAS, March 25, 2026, marks the 205th anniversary of Greek Independence Day, commemorating the beginning of the struggle for freedom by the people of Greece in 1821; and

WHEREAS, the Greek War of Independence represents a historic pursuit of liberty, self-determination, democratic ideals, and values that continue to inspire people around the world; and

WHEREAS, the principles born from ancient Greek civilization—including democracy, civic participation, philosophy, and the rule of law—have profoundly influenced the foundations of modern society; and

WHEREAS, Greek Americans have made significant contributions to the cultural, economic, academic, and civic life of communities across the United States, including here in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the local Greek community has played an important role in enriching our diversity, strengthening community bonds, and promoting shared values of heritage, education, and public service; and

WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate Hellenic heritage, honor the sacrifices made for freedom, and reflect on the enduring importance of liberty and democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the day of March 25th, 2026, as Greek Independence Day. I call upon all community members to join in recognizing and celebrating Greek Independence, the birth of modern democracy, ideals of freedom and human rights, and the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Greek community.



*I hereby set my hand and seal
this 25th day of March 2026*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Christopher Taylor".

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor