

EXCERPT
PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY, 2005

“Well before modern Greece gained her independence, the ancient Athenians adopted democratic principles that guided their society. These principles inspired our Founding Fathers to proclaim the imperative of self-government as they worked to build our great Nation. America’s love for liberty has deep roots in the spirit of Greece.

On Greek Independence Day, we celebrate our special ties of friendship, history, and shared values with Greece.

Our country has welcomed generations of Greek immigrants, and we are grateful for their talents, wisdom, and creativity. We honor the Greek spirit that values family and education, public service, and faith.

Greek Americans have made a mark in every field by enhancing our culture, enriching our commerce, and defending our freedom. Their strong record of public service has also strengthened our democracy, and their contributions have made America a better place.”

GEORGE W BUSH