



**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
MARCH 25, 2005
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS *the Nation of Greece, birthplace of western civilization with its concepts of democracy and individual freedom, celebrates on March 25th, 2005 its one hundred and seventy-four year of Independence; and*

WHEREAS *it was on March 25th, 1821, one hundred and seventy four years ago, that Greeks declared themselves free from the Ottoman Empire, again showing that indomitable will that has characterized these people down through the years: and*

WHEREAS *we of Canada, being mindful of all that we owe to Greek thought and Greek courage and of the contribution made to the life of this Nation by our citizens of Greek descent, gladly join with all the free Nations of the world in saluting Greece on this auspicious anniversary of independence:*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter J. Kelly, Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality, in the Province of Nova Scotia, do hereby Proclaim March 25th, 2005 as:

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

In honour of the Nation of Greece and of our citizens of Greek Descent and may we observe this day with the deepest admiration and respect for a Nation, small in size but great in accomplishments, which has given so much to the world.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 25th day of March 2005.

Peter J. Kelly
Mayor

