

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Proclamation

Whereas.

Year 2021 marks the 200th anniversary of the 1821 Revolution which resulted in Greek Independence. The Greek Nation, along with the Hellenes and Philhellenes throughout the world proudly join together to celebrate this historic milestone of the Bicentennial of Greek Independence Day and honor the Heroes of 1821, whose sacrifices secured life, liberty, and freedom for generations to come.; and

Whereas.

The 1821 Greek Revolution represents the beginning of modern Greece and is the starting point for the 200 years of history that follow, from Greek Independence, to the Greek Genocide, to the mass migration of Greeks in the early 20th century, to the role of Greece and the Greek Diaspora. Every year, March 25th serves as a reminder that, "We are all Greek," in that our American laws, literature, and arts have significant Greek roots. As we commemorate this Bicentennial Anniversary with mass at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, we are also reminded of the 100-year history of the Holy Greek Archdiocese of America.

Whereas,

The City of Springfield is honored and proud to be home to a thriving Greek community who have made, and continue to make, immeasurable contributions to our city - none of which would be possible without the coming together of every city, every region, every Hellene and Philhellene, to fight for a common cause of freedom during the 1821 Revolution. Today, we join with our Greek and Greek-American friends, family, and neighbors as well as the Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral community to honor the rich history of the Greek Nation and celebrate 200 years of independence.



Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of the City of Springfield, do hereby recognize

Thursday, March 25, 2021 as

Years of Freedom "Greek Independence Day"

In the City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage all of our citizens to take notice of this event and participate suitably u Conquets, good health of Continued Success!" in its observance.

DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR