

# City of Boston

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## CITY COUNCIL

*Offered by City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune  
on Behalf of All City Councilors*

**Whereas, March 25, 2024 is the 203<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Greek Independence** commemorating the struggle of 1821 in which the people of Greece, after centuries of domination by the Ottoman Empire, won their freedom and formed an independent nation; and

**Whereas, the people of Ancient Greece developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people and that religion, freedom and democracy played pivotal roles in the revolution that led to independence; and**

**Whereas, Petros Mavromichalis, the former Commander in Chief of Greece and a founder of the modern Greek state, said to the citizens of the United States in 1821, "It is in your land that liberty has fixed her abode and....in imitating you, we shall imitate our ancestors and be thought worthy of them if we succeed in resembling you."; and**

**Whereas, Individual American Philhellenes, including future abolitionists Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, Jonathan Peckham Miller and George Jarvis travelled to Greece to fight alongside and provide aid to the Greek people during the revolution of 1821; and**

**Whereas, Advancing Freedom, Democracy, Peace, Stability and Human Rights have forged strong bonds between Greece and the United States as longtime allies promoting stability in the Mediterranean and Western Balkans; now therefore be it**

**Resolved, That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, commends the Greek-American community for its contributions to the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for being a bridge between the two countries acknowledging our history, culture and traditions; and be it further**

**Resolved, That the Boston City Council, hereby extends its warmest congratulations to the Greek-American Community as it celebrates the 203<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Greece.**



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the City Council

Attest: *Alex Spivack*  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_