



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Ottoman Empire ruled almost all of Greece over the course of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries and the power of the Ottoman Empire declined in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries as revolutionary nationalism grew across Europe and Greek nationalism began to assert itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the desire for some form of independence and the survival of the Greek language was common among Greeks of all classes, fostered by the Greek Orthodox Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greek War of Independence also known as the Greek Revolution was a successful war waged by the Greeks to win independence from the Ottoman Empire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greeks were the first of the Ottoman Empire to secure recognition as an independent sovereign power and the Greek Revolution was the first of many that led to the eventual break-up of the Ottoman Empire; and

**WHEREAS**, Greek culture influenced the Roman Empire and many other civilizations, and continues to influence modern cultures today; and

**WHEREAS**, due to strong historical, political, cultural, and religious ties between the two nations, Greece and the United States today enjoy excellent diplomatic relations and are considered great allies; and

**WHEREAS**, as a leader in the region and longstanding NATO ally, Greece has been an important partner to the United States in promoting regional security, stability, and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has deep ties to the Greek community including, Tarpon Springs, a city in Pinellas County with the highest percentage of Greek Americans of any city in the United States.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida does hereby commemorate

**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY**

and acknowledges the important role that Greece plays on the global stage and their strong relationship with the United States.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF** the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal of the State of Florida has hereunto subscribed his name and has caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee on the 25th day of March 2023.



  
**JIMMY PATRONIS**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**STATE FIRE MARSHALL**