

Proclamation

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence

WHEREAS, Greek Independence Day is an annual Greek national holiday first celebrated on March 25, 1821; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the Bicentennial - 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day on March 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Greece's history is often reflected upon in two distinct periods known as "Ancient Greece" and "Modern Greece". These two periods are separated in history by approximately 400 years when Greece was under Ottoman Empire rule; and

WHEREAS, the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) represents over 150,000 Greek Americans living in California. UHAS is a non-profit entity that was first established in 1954 by Greek immigrant families to help build strong community relations and to sponsor activities and events to help promote, preserve, and protect the Greek culture, heritage, and traditions; and

WHEREAS, in support of and in collaboration with the Consuls General of Greece in Los Angeles and San Francisco we honor the long and rich heritage and contributions Greek society and Greek Americans have made to our culture; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,000 Greek Americans live in the area of Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, this 200th Anniversary is a special milestone for our local Greek community and due to the current pandemic they are unable celebrate in normal ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, do hereby celebrate the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence and encourage all people of Redwood City to join in the observance of that nation's great history.

Date: March 25, 2021



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Diane Howard, Mayor

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