



City of Columbia

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on March 25, 1821, the Greek people decided to restore democracy, freedom, justice and the rule of law by initiating the bold objective of dissolving the barbaric, 400-year old despotism of Ottoman Turkish rule; and

WHEREAS, democracy remains the most precious gift to our world from the Greeks of ancient times; and

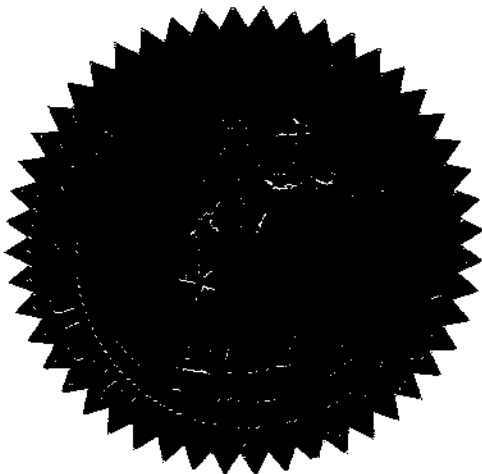
WHEREAS, Greeks and Americans share a love of freedom, liberty, and individual rights and the friendship between our two nations is based on mutual respect, a commitment to common goals and the sharing of fundamental values; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Greek descent in Columbia have played a significant role in the educational, cultural, economic and civic development of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Robert D. Coble, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2004 as

Greek Independence Day

in the City of Columbia and do hereby call upon all people of Columbia to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



Robert D. Coble
Mayor