





THE PRESIDENT

welcomes you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

in recognition of

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

*A National Celebration of
Greek and American Democracy*



Friday, March 23, 2007

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF GREEK AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

The National Celebration of Greek and American Democracy was first commemorated in the White House in 1986 by President Ronald W. Reagan, in recognition and deep appreciation of democracy's place of birth.

The 186th anniversary of the Greek revolution is celebrated this year. 2007 is also the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, which brought together the people of the United States and the people of Greece in reaffirmation of the democratic principles which inspired their respective citizens to fight courageously for the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The American founding fathers drew heavily from the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy. Therefore, as we celebrate Greek Independence Day we also proclaim it A National Celebration of Greek and American Democracy.

His Eminence

ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA

This year the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the episcopacy of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America. An Orthodox hierarch, theologian, statesman and biblical scholar, Archbishop Demetrios was installed in 1999 as leader of the approximately 1.5 million Greek Orthodox members in the United States.



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