

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 25, 2023, AS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, Myrtle Beach's Greek community at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church celebrates Greek Independence Day on March 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Greece began its War of Independence on March 25, 1821, after nearly 400 years of occupation and oppression by the Ottoman Turks, and this is the 202nd anniversary of that declaration of independence; and

WHEREAS, During the dark years of the Ottoman rule, thousands of Greeks were tortured or killed for attending church or teaching their children Greek culture, history and language; and

WHEREAS, Ancient Greece was the birthplace of Pericles, Plato and Alexander the Great, and Athens gave rise to the world's first democracy, which later inspired the founding fathers of the United States as they created a new government; and

WHEREAS, The Greek community here has been instrumental in Myrtle Beach's economic and cultural growth and success and is a lively and active part of our social fabric;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED That the City of Myrtle Beach hereby declares March 25, 2023, as Greek Independence Day in support of our local Greek community and in recognition of all that Greece has contributed to the world through its art, culture and politics.

Signed and sealed this 25th day of March 2023



Brenda Bethune

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

Jennifer Adkins

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK