



# Proclamation

Greek Independence Day

March 25, 2021

- WHEREAS** The Greek Nation was established four thousand years ago;
- WHEREAS** In the course of history, the Greek Nation has made numerous contributions to the progress of humanity, including the invention of philosophy, drama, and the introduction of democracy as well as the furthering of civilization through establishing of a communication bridge between East and West;
- WHEREAS** Beginning with the exploration of the Juan de Fuca Straits by Ioannis Focas, the Greek people in British Columbia have had a profound impact in the development and progress of our city;
- WHEREAS** Two centuries ago, inspired by the ideal of freedom, which echoed in Europe at the time and was brought back to the lands of Greece by members of its diaspora, an uprising spawned that would re-establish Greeks as a free people and, eventually, bring democracy back to its birthplace;
- WHEREAS** The Greeks of Surrey are celebrating and honouring the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day, March 25th, 1821;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Doug McCallum, do hereby declare March 25, 2021 as "Greek Independence Day" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Doug McCallum  
City of Surrey