

## GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

ICICAS In the course of history, the Greek Nation has made numerous contributions to the progress of civilization, including the introduction of philosophy, drama and the ideals of democracy, as well as establishing a communication bridge between East and West; and

WHEREAS Beginning with the exploration of the coastal waters of British Columbia by Greek mariner Ioannis Focas, better known as Juan de Fuca, Greek people have had a profound impact on the development of our province and city; and

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 would re-establish Greeks as a free people and eventually bring democracy back to its birthplace; and

WHEREAS The Greek community of Burnaby is celebrating and honouring the 200th Anniversary of Greek Independence Day, March 25th, 1821.

NOW THEREFORE I, MIKE HURLEY, MAYOR OF BURNABY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 25 AS

## "GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY"

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY.

Dated this Eighth Day of March, 2021 A.D.

Mike Hurley

MAYOR

PORATE