

Our Nation's Founding Fathers drew insight from the classical Greek philosophers, and our own struggle for independence was inspired by the democratic values the Greeks espoused. In 1821, less than a century after the American Revolution, American friends of Greece backed the Greek drive for nationhood. President James Monroe voiced our Nation's support for "the heroic struggle of the Greeks" during his seventh annual address to the Congress.

Greeks and Americans share contemporary bonds as well. Millions of Americans proudly claim Greek descent. Partners in NATO, our two nations are united in the common defense of liberty and democratic government.

On March 25th, one hundred and sixty-eight years ago, the Greek people began their struggle for nationhood and independence. By joining the Greek commemoration of that event, we remember the democratic values that Greece and the United States share and we rededicate ourselves to them.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 64, has designated March 25, 1989, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 25, 1989, as Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy, and I urge all Americans to join in appropriate ceremonies and activities to salute the Greek people and Greek independence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5945 of March 24, 1989

Women's History Month, 1989 and 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Women have written many proud pages in the history of the United States, throughout all areas of our national life. Women's History Month is a time to recognize those contributions and the critical role they have played in the preservation of the principles and values that all Americans hold dear.

Women have served with distinction in all professions; they have contributed to our Nation's prosperity in all fields of business; they have served our country with courage in time of conflict; they have educated and inspired our children; and they have figured prominently in all our great struggles for political and social reform. Today women play a major role in our public life—they can be found working in the Congress, in the Cabinet, on the Supreme Court, and in our embassies

around the world. Every aspect of our national life has been touched by the leadership, energy, and insight of outstanding American women.

This month, as we recall the achievements of prominent women in U.S. history, we also remember the quiet yet lasting contributions women have made to our society through the family, as volunteers in local charities or relief organizations, and as leaders in our churches. Women have demonstrated their great love for this country and have made that love real by their engagement in the lives of others. If any definition of a successful life must include service to others, countless women live successful lives. Through their tireless service on a daily basis, the women of our Nation have woven the fabric of families and communities. For it is the family and the local community that have always been our Nation's stronghold, the first and greatest source of Americans' civic pride and sense of duty. The women who have sustained these institutions throughout America's history have strengthened this country beyond measure.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 148, has designated the month of March 1989 and the month of March 1990 as "Women's History Month" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim March 1989 and March 1990 as Women's History Month. I call upon all Americans to observe these months with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 5946 of March 24, 1989

Actors' Fund of America Appreciation Month, 1989

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The Actors' Fund of America has given dedicated service to members of the entertainment industry for more than one hundred years. Its history is the magnificent story of an organization built upon the generosity of entertainers—not only as a charitable organization, but as the "conscience" of their community.

Although it is the oldest theatrical charity in the world, the Fund's services are not confined to actors; they are available to any bona fide professional who works in motion pictures, radio, television, ballet, opera, variety, circus, and the legitimate stage. Those services, designed to accommodate the special needs of members of the entertainment community, range from financial assistance and career counseling to home nursing care. Through its actions, the Fund carries on the great American tradition of community. It is a tradition steeped in its values