

March 8, 2021

Dear Madam President:

It is my pleasure to congratulate the people of the Hellenic Republic on the historic bicentennial of your independence.

The Greek freedom fighters of 1821 were inspired by the ideals and actions of our American Revolution, just as our American revolutionaries and Founding Fathers had been inspired by the example of Athenian democracy. And for more than 200 years, Greeks and Americans have upheld and defended the democratic principles that animated our Revolutions, often side by side. I join the Greek people and the millions of proud Greek Americans in celebrating this joyful milestone.

Greece is a crucial NATO Ally and a close friend of the United States, providing stability and actively contributing to the peace and prosperity of the Eastern Mediterranean, Black Sea, and Western Balkans regions. I've had the privilege to work closely with many Greek Prime Ministers and to spend time with His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew throughout my career. As President, I look forward to continuing the proud tradition of further strengthening the partnership between our countries and to reaffirming our shared commitment to the Transatlantic Alliance and the many shared values that unite our two countries.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.