



RIDEAU HALL

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Her Excellency Katerina Sakellaropoulou
President of the Hellenic Republic

Excellency,

On behalf of all Canadians, I would like to congratulate you and the people of Greece on the occasion of your country's Independence Day. This year's celebration is particularly special as it marks the bicentennial anniversary of the Greek War of Independence.

In addition to contributing to our multicultural fabric, Canadians of Greek heritage have been captains of industry, and have served at all levels of government, in Canada's Supreme Court, and in our colleges and universities. Our countries also share a strong commitment to democratic values, multilateralism and rules-based international order. Together, we work to advance these key foreign policy priorities as partners in such organizations as the UN and NATO.

Our relations also benefit from the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement, which will impact our post-COVID economic recovery.

With our deep and vibrant ties, Canadians are proud to count Greece as a friend and partner. I am pleased to send you and all Greeks my best wishes as you celebrate an especially meaningful Independence Day.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency the Right Honourable Richard Wagner, P.C.
Administrator of the Government of Canada