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DEMOKRITOS SOCIETY OF AMERICA THINK TANK

The seventeen million Greek origin people in the US and around the World, celebrate again this year the 25th of March 1821, that fateful day of the revolution that gave birth to the modern Greek Nation and much later to the development of the Greek American Community. Thus, our Community in effect is the historical consequence of that revolution. And this is why celebrations and parades take place in Greece, the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. The 25^h of March symbolizes the resurrection of the Greek Nation from the dead, after almost 400 years of slavery and servitude. This is the day that the entire countryside in Greece revolted with the cry “Freedom or Death” and everything burst into flames. For seven years men and women fought against their tormentors with determination on land and at sea, to write the History of their new Nation, with fire, blood and acts of profound heroism. Heroes in 1821 were the men, women, clergy, armatoli and kleftes, sailors, intelligentsia and a multitude of Phil Hellenes. It was not by chance, that the revolution was planned, financed and promoted by the famous Secret Society of Friends (Filiki Eteria) created by the Diaspora Greeks.

Finally, the 25th of March celebrations this year should be a source of renewed dedication for people of Hellenic origin around the World and especially the Greek-Americans and Greek-Canadians. Our strong message to friend and antagonist of Hellenism alike, is this: not even a stone, not a rock or rocky uninhabited little Island in Greece’s perimeter,

**are negotiable now, or in the future. And this is the way it is,
and this is the special meaning, of the 25th of March, of 2008.**

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