

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**UNITY OF THE
GREEK -AMERICAN AND AFRICAN- AMERICAN COMMUNITIES
MARCH 27, 2013**

WHEREAS, *The Greek-American and African-American communities have a long history of strong ties in the United States and Maryland; and*

WHEREAS, *This relationship has seen such heroes as James Williams, a former slave from Baltimore who fought and died for Greek Independence and Archbishop Iakovos, who marched with Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma, Alabama; and*

WHEREAS, *The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have partnered to combat modern-day bigotry; and*

WHEREAS, *The Greek-American and African-American communities have had an immeasurable impact on the people of our nation and state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MARCH 27, 2013 as a day of celebration in honor of the unity of the Greek-American and African-American communities and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 27th day of March
Two Thousand

and thirteen

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McPherson
Secretary of State