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Today marks Greek Independence Day, with the Greek community celebrating the significant event over the weekend with a church service.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Peter Styles said the Territory had a huge Greek culture throughout the NT and today was a very special day.

“This day is a very significant day to the Greek community, as it was on this day in 1821 that Greece took the first steps to securing its own future,” Mr Styles said.

“The Northern Territory owes a great deal to the Greek community – and it is important that we celebrate the proud traditions and enormous contribution of the community to the NT.”

On Sunday I was honoured to commemorate, along with the Deputy Chief Minister and members of the Greek community, the War of Independence which Greeks fought and ultimately prevailed.”

Mr Styles said the Greek culture was well ingrained throughout the Northern Territory and were held in high regard throughout the community.

“There are many events throughout the year that celebrate the Greek community such as Greek Glenti, Ochi Day, the annual Blessing of the Water ceremony and Greek Easter,” he said.

“There is also the Greek School in Nightcliff, which ensures the Greek language and cultural is kept alive in Darwin.

“The Greek community play a pivotal part in our multicultural society, one which is so diversely rich in the Northern Territory, and I wish them well in celebrating their independence day.”

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