



Mr. Dimitris Mourtzis
Mayor of Aegina

10 April 2019

Subject: Memorial of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe in Aegina

Dear Mr. Mourtzis,

Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe expressed from his early actions his admiration and attachment to the values of Hellenism, he became a fierce philhellene who supported the Greek war of independence, and the formation of the Modern Greek state.

The descendants of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe remain inspired by his ideals and support the work of the Society for Hellenism and Philhellenism, which is to encourage future generations to protect the values of Freedom and Democracy; corner stones of our civilization.

In this context we would like to express our gratitude for your efforts to preserve the memory of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, his participation to the Greek war of independence, his support to the refugees and his contribution to the construction of the harbor of Aegina.

We are very pleased that you are creating a permanent memorial in his honor and in the honor of the values which he represented. It is our hope that the memorial will serve as an inspiration to future generations of Greeks and Americans.

We asked Mr. Velentzas to deliver our letter to you during the event of 15 April 2019, and look forward to visiting your beautiful island and seeing the memorial that you have erected.

With great appreciation,

On behalf of the Descendants of Samuel Gridley Howe

Gillian Kellogg

Nathan Ticknor