



SEPTEMBER 22 - 117 YEARS OF BULGARIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND 42 YEARS OF THE DECLARATION OF MERICHLERI AS A CITY

Tuesday, 16 September 2025

September 22, 10:00 a.m., in front of the monument of Captain Petko Voevoda in Dimitrovgrad, the celebration of 117 years of the proclamation of Bulgaria's Independence takes place with performances by a brass band, an artistic and documentary program, and a short recital. We invite all citizens and guests of the city to join the festive ceremony by laying wreaths and flowers in front of the monument, expressing our gratitude for the National Independence Day.

The Independence of Bulgaria was solemnly declared on September 22, 1908 in the church St. Forty Martyrs in Veliko Tarnovo with a special manifesto. The day was declared an official holiday by a decision of the National Assembly, issued on September 10, 1998.

The solemn evening continues in Merichleri on the occasion of 42 years since its declaration as a city. The program begins at 5.30 PM with the laying of wreaths and flowers in front of the memorial plaque in front of the city hall. The festive evening includes also a musical and poetic program by community centers, performances by a male folklore group, festive dances and fireworks. The organizers of the event are Community Center Prosveta 1896, the Merichleri City Hall and the Municipality of Dimitrovgrad.