



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2024-0473

Resolution Of The Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey
Supporting RevolutionNJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that Bernards Township commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role our unique community and New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State, and Township, and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of all backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Bernards hereby supports RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards supports RevolutionNJ as follows:

1. The Township Committee commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.

2. The Township Committee authorizes the appointment of a Patriotic Anniversary committee to develop a plan for our own 265th Anniversary to occur in 2025, and the Nation's 250 Anniversary in 2026 to invite and promote the involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Township Committee further invites all its residents to reflect upon the significance of these events and the role that our State and its people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the spirit of the revolution continues today as we uphold the ideals articulated in our founding documents.

Agenda and Date Voted: 12/23/2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 12/23/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk