

## RESOLUTION NO. 3162

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA250 COMMEMORATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria, Virginia was established in 1749 and today is a thriving community and celebrates its diverse history; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria played a critical role in the nation's quest for independence, from the Fairfax Resolves to George Washington's route to Yorktown;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism in the City, region, and throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the Virginia General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence; and

**WHEREAS**, VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period envisioned as 2024 through 2031; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria will form a local VA250 committee to be recognized as Alexandria250 under the auspices of the Office of Historic Alexandria in collaboration with City agencies including Visit Alexandria, Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities, Alexandria City Public Schools, and the Alexandria Library, as well as local museums, historical organizations, and community partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria committee will plan and coordinate programs and initiatives occurring within the City of Alexandria and communicate regularly with VA250 to promote and commemorate the Semiquincentennial of the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, that it hereby resolves to support the Virginia America 250 Commission and their efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence as "Alexandria250".

This resolution is effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED: May 23, 2023

  
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JUSTIN WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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Gloria Sitton, CMC City Clerk