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### City of Alexandria, Virginia

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#### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 16, 2023

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JAMES F. PARAION, CITY MANAGER /s/

**FROM:** GRETCHEN BULOVA, DIRECTOR, HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Consideration of a Resolution for the City of Alexandria to Participate in the Virginia250 Commemoration. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

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**ISSUE:** Consideration of a resolution for the City of Alexandria to participate in the Virginia250 Commemoration.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve a resolution for the City of Alexandria to participate in the Virginia250 Commemoration.

**DISCUSSION:** 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. VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period envisioned as 2024 through 2031.

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.

For those localities that form official Local VA250 Committees, the state commission will provide grant funding opportunities for commemorative events and make available programs to include traveling exhibitions and teacher resources

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Forming an official local VA250 Committee will provide grant funding opportunities for

commemorative events.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution

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