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## PROCLAMATION

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
NICOLE GUGENHEIM YANCEY  
FOR FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE FRANCO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AND FOR DEDICATED EFFORTS IN FURTHERING THE BONDS  
BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

*WHEREAS, Ms. Yancey served as the President of the Peninsula Chapter Alliance Francaise; and*

*WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1982, Ms. Yancey taught French in parochial school (1st through 7th grades); and*

*WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1983, Ms. Yancey served as French Liaison to the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Committee, secured loans from French museums for the new Yorktown Victory Center, and coordinated with the French Embassy in Washington, DC, on commemorations in Virginia, especially the Yorktown 1981 Commemoration; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1976, Ms. Yancey established the Sister City Hampton-Vendome (birthplace of Comte de Rochambeau); and*

*WHEREAS, in 1983, Ms. Yancey coordinated American participation in the ceremonies marking the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Peace Treaty in Paris and Versailles with the office of the French President and the Foreign Affairs Office; and*

*WHEREAS, from 1987 to 2011, Ms. Yancey was appointed by the French Government as Honorary Consul of France in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1988, Ms. Yancey coordinated American participation in the pageant illustrating Comte de Rochambeau's life held at Château de Rochambeau in France; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1989, the French Ambassador entrusted Ms. Yancey to supervise the construction of the Yorktown French Memorial; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1992, Ms. Yancey served as a member of the Yorktown-Port Vendres Sister City Committee; and,*

*WHEREAS, in 1994, Ms. Yancey organized the Virginia 50th Anniversary of D-Day Commemoration honoring veterans of the 29th Division with the participation of the French Foreign Legion Music Band; and*

*WHEREAS, from 2002, to 2003, in connection with the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, Ms. Yancey presented "Thank You, America" certificates to WWII Veterans residing in Virginia; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2005, Ms. Yancey joined the Executive Board of the National Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association (W3R-US) at the invitation of Dr. Jacques Bossiere, one of the founders of W3R-US; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2006, Ms. Yancey coordinated French participation in the Commemoration of the 225th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown, which was attended by the French Minister of Defense Michèle Alliot-Marie; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Yancey joined the Festival Rochambeau Committee to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Comte de Rochambeau; and*

*WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2011, Ms. Yancey presented the French Legion of Honor to veterans who distinguished themselves during the liberation of France (Norfolk, Richmond, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Roanoke); and*

*WHEREAS, in May 1988, Ms. Yancey was awarded the French National Order of Merit; and*

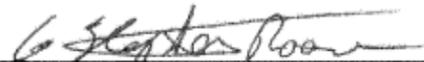
*WHEREAS, in July 2008, Ms. Yancey was awarded the French National Order of Legion of Honor; and*

*WHEREAS, in June 2015, Ms. Yancey was awarded the Gold Medal of Renaissance Francaise; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the York County Board of Supervisors that Ms. Nicole Gugenheim Yancey is hereby recognized for highly significant achievements in furthering the relationship between the American and French communities in Virginia and the surrounding region and that she worked tirelessly to advance the relationship between her native Country of France and the United States of America.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of York, Virginia, to be affixed this 1ST day of July 1, 2024.

  
G. Stephen Roane, Jr., Chairman  
York County Board of Supervisors