



COUNTY OF YORK, VIRGINIA

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PROCLAMATION

Lafayette Day

October 18, 2024

WHEREAS, in 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, the youthful Marquis de Lafayette rendered service to America by traveling from France to aid the colonies, joining the fight for American Independence and in doing so, became one of George Washington's most trusted major generals, and

WHEREAS, Being outnumbered and poorly supplied, Lafayette strove to improve conditions for his troops, often pledging his own funds to secure his soldiers shoes and clothing, and

WHEREAS, during Lafayette's service, undertaken at his own expense, he proved to be vital to the cause of American Independence, both in his military and diplomatic roles, and

WHEREAS, in the Battle of Yorktown, Lafayette played a major contribution, which ended with Cornwallis's surrender and a decisive American victory that forced the British government to acknowledge the United States of America as a sovereign Nation; and,

WHEREAS, his accomplishments in the service of France and the United States, Lafayette is known as The Hero of Two Worlds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the York County Board of Supervisors declare that October 18 2024, is **Lafayette Day** and encourages residents of the County to honor and commemorate Lafayette's significant contributions to our nation's independence.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of York, Virginia to be affixed this 18th day of October, 2024.

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

