

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**RESOLUTION NO. NP23-20**

**ENDORsing REVOLUTIONNJ AND ITS MISSION TO ADVANCE THE ROLE THAT HISTORY PLAYS IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION, TOURISM AND SCHOLARSHIP IN NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, to observe this momentous occasion, the U.S. Semi quincentennial Commission, established by Congress (P.L. 114-196) in 2016, and its supporting non-profit America250, will plan and commemorate on a national level the celebration of our nation's semi quincentennial; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey played a significant role 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, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature in 2018 authorized the creation of a program 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; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County also has a rich history integral to the independence effort, including the critical Battle of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners has established by way of resolution, Monmouth County's Committee that will commemorate our nation's semi quincentennial, highlighting Monmouth County's role in the fight for independence, and will coordinate events and activities throughout Monmouth County, working with public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of our great nation and the role New Jersey and Monmouth County have 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, County and [City/Borough/Township]; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, celebrating and enjoying our history strengthens our communities by way of building bonds amongst our residents, engages our youth in the education about our nation and its founding principles, improves our economies by promoting our unique history and attracting visitors to our community.

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

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Red Bank Governing Body commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. The Red Bank Governing Body authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for this commemoration that will coordinate with the federal, state and county celebration committees and will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, historical and civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. The Red Bank Governing Body further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State, County and Borough of Red Bank 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 history, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the ideals articulated in our founding documents.

|                               | MOVED | SECONDED | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |  |
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| Councilmember Bonatakis       |       |          | x    |      |         |        |  |
| Councilmember Cassidy         |       |          |      |      |         | x      |  |
| Councilmember Facey-Blackwood |       |          | x    |      |         |        |  |
| Councilmember Forest          |       | x        | x    |      |         |        |  |
| Councilmember Jannone         |       |          | x    |      |         |        |  |
| Councilmember Triggiano       | x     |          | x    |      |         |        |  |
| Mayor Portman                 |       |          | x    |      |         |        |  |
| ON CONSENT AGENDA             | Yes   | x        |      | No   |         |        |  |

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on July 13, 2023.



Laura Reinertsen. Borough Clerk