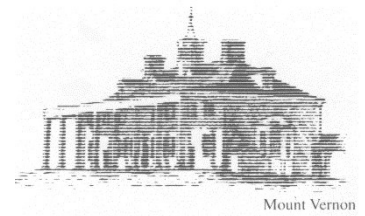




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Semiquincentennial Anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States of America

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Pursuant to a prior Board Matter jointly presented by myself and Chairman Jeff McKay in October 2020, Fairfax County established a seven person Work Group charged with providing recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors for the preferred approach for organizing and leading County-wide efforts for an inclusive observance, celebration, and commemoration of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States of American.

This Work Group, led by Scott Stroh, Executive Director at Gunston Hall, included representatives from Visit Fairfax, George Washington's Mount Vernon, the National Museum of the United States Army, the Fairfax County History Commission, the Fairfax County Human Rights Committee, the City of Fairfax Regional Library, and associated County history, equity, and human rights staff. The Work Group also included representatives from the County Department of Planning and Development and from my office.

The Board of Supervisors accepted and approved the Work Group's Report on July 13, 2021, and this subsequent Board Matter will authorize the implementation of associated procedural and administrative next steps.

THEREFORE, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD direct the County Executive, with support from the Department of Planning and Development, to take the following steps in furtherance of the implementation of recommendations contained in the previously approved Report from the Semiquincentennial Work Group:

1. Transition the existing Work Group and its current membership to a Fairfax County 250th Commission that will remain in existence though June 30, 2027.

2. Working with the inaugural members of this Commission, identify and appoint additional members for the purpose of increasing and diversifying the composition of the Commission. With input from the Board, additional members should include, at a minimum, one representative from each magisterial district.
3. Working with the Commission, implement the committee structure proposed in the Report.
4. Working with the Commission, create and convene an Advisory Council to ensure broad and inclusive community awareness and participation. The Commission will advise the Board of Supervisors of their recommendations for the Advisory Council.
5. Working with the Commission, develop and present to the Board a business plan and multi-year commemoration budget by December 31, 2021.
6. Working with the Commission, create and implement a community based, County-wide survey of residents specific to opportunities and ideas associated with the commemoration by December 31, 2021.
7. Working with the Commission, develop and implement a marketing and promotion plan to build awareness and affinity for the commemoration by April 20, 2022. Research the possibility of applying for a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation for this purpose as part of their fall 2021 grant cycle and pursue as appropriate.
8. Present a semi-annual report of Commission activities to the Board of Supervisors.
9. Present monthly financial reports to the County entity, department, or individual designated by the Board of Supervisors.

Additionally, I move, that a consideration of \$20,000 be included in our Carryover discussion to be provided to Visit Fairfax as the proposed fiscal agent for the Commission efforts. This funding would support the **initial** work of the Commission. The requested funds will be used to establish a website, develop a marketing plan, produce promotional materials, provide matching dollars to support a Virginia tourism grant and for other administrative costs.