



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 1/11/2023

TITLE:

Resolution of Support for the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250)

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Adopt a Resolution of Support for the Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Rosenberg, DeLoria, Johnson, Gray

PRESENTER (S): Roger Johnson

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence. See, Virginia Code § 2.2-2544. A primary goal of the Commission is to convene and facilitate a Commonwealth-wide commemoration and celebration, multi-faceted and inclusive of hundreds of partners and representatives of the wide array of histories, sites, stories, and communities that define Virginia. VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period (Attachment B).

STRATEGIC PLAN: Engaged citizens - Successfully engage citizens so that local government reflects their values and aspirations.

DISCUSSION: The Charlottesville-Albemarle Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CACVB) has indicated its willingness to convene a VA250 Commission committee for our region. Staff is requesting the Board's support for the CACVB to form a committee on behalf of the County to aid in the planning for the commemoration period.

By forming a committee, the state commission will provide grant funding opportunities for commemorative events and make available programs to include traveling exhibitions and teacher resources. The CACVB Executive Director will serve as the local liaison to the Commission.

BUDGET IMPACT: Anticipated budget impacts may include promotional materials and nominal staff time, approximately 15 hours a week over the planning period.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board support the efforts of CACVB in forming a committee on behalf of the County and adopt the resolution of support (Attachment A) to designate the CACVB Executive Director as the local liaison to the Virginia America 250 Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution

B - VA250 Request