



*Proclamation in Support of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Observance of the Adoption of the Halifax Resolves*

Whereas, the stated purposes of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution include: (1) "To perpetuate the memory of the people and events of the American Revolution" and (2) "To maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom"; and

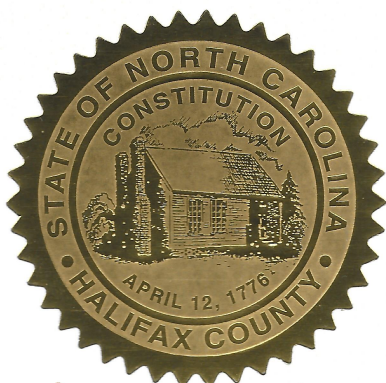
Whereas, the fourth North Carolina Provincial Congress convened on April 4, 1776 in Halifax to determine the direction the colony would take concerning independence; and

Whereas, on April 12, 1776, the appointed committee, under the leadership of Cornelius Harnett, crafted a document that determined not only the direction the colony of North Carolina would take, but also that of all the thirteen colonies; and

Whereas, this document, known as the Halifax Resolves, read in part "*Resolved, that the delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to concur with the delegates of the other Colonies in declaring independency, and forming foreign alliances, reserving to this Colony the sole and exclusive rights of forming a Constitution and laws for this Colony, and of appointing delegates from time to time (under the direction of the general representation thereof), to meet the delegates of the other Colonies for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out.*" This document paved the way for the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed, that the Halifax County Board of Commissioners, in the State of North Carolina, is fully in support of the Halifax Resolves Chapter, North Carolina Society, Sons of the American Revolution's efforts to commemorate the adoption of this historic document on April 12, 1776.

Be It Further Proclaimed, that a copy of this proclamation be spread upon the minutes of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of April, 2016.



Vernon J. Bryant, Chairman
Halifax County Board of Commissioners

Andrea H. Wiggins, MMC, Clerk to the Board
Halifax County Board of Commissioners