RESOLUTION OF ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD TO PARTNER WITH VA 250 IN
COMMEMORATING AMERICA’S SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Board is dedicated to the furtherance of economic
development and tourism in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County supports an inclusive understanding of history that invites those
of all backgrounds to engage fully with American history, and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of American Independence, also known as the
Semiquincentennial, and

WHEREAS, the Virginia America 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, and

WHEREAS, VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the
commemoration period, and

WHEREAS, this significant milestone anniversary provides a once in a generation opportunity to
engage the public on the whole history of Virginia and the United States and our pursuit toward a more
perfect union that has persisted for a quarter of a millennium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Board,

Wishes to undertake this endeavor with VA250 to engage and activate around this significant
historic milestone; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arlington County Board designates the Arlington
Historical Society as the convener of the local committee to coordinate planning for the commemoration
period and communicate Arlington’s activities to VA 250.

ADOPTED on this 8th day of August 2023.