

**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.