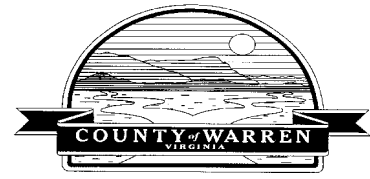


RESOLUTION



of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County

Honoring the Memory of the Esteemed Namesake of Warren County Revolutionary Soldier, Physician and Major General, Dr. Joseph Warren

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren on the week of the anniversary of his birth June 11, 1741 to the date of his death at which time he gave his last full measure of devotion to the cause of American Independence as a Major General and volunteer soldier in the Battle of Bunker Hill (also known as Breed's Hill) on June 17, 1775,

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren in 1774 served as president of the revolutionary Massachusetts Bay Provincial Congress, advocating on behalf of the interests of the Colonies while under the rule of Britain and one of the leaders later to be known as the Sons of Liberty,

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren Chairman of the Suffolk Convention and co-author of the "Suffolk Resolves", a radical set of 19 resolutions in response to the British Parliaments "Intolerable Acts of 1774", leading John Adams of Massachusetts to pronounce *"This was one of the happiest days of my life. In Congress we had generous, noble sentiments, and manly eloquence. This day convinced me that America will support Massachusetts or perish with her."*

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren as a patriot and fiery orator from 1772 to 1775 gave his famous speech on "Orations Commemorating the Boston Massacre" and on April 18th, 1775, dispatched patriots William Dawes and Paul Revere on their famous "midnight rides" to warn of the advance of British troops on Lexington and Concord,

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren as a 34-year old doctor and citizen patriot was appointed as a major general by the Massachusetts Provincial Congress on June 14, 1775 days prior to the Battle of Bunker Hill. Here he chose to fight as a volunteer private against the wishes of General Israel Putnum and Col. William Prescott and, where arriving at the forefront on the most intense fighting on Breeds Hill, was identified by a British officer and at close range mortally wounded by a musket ball to the head; his body later stripped, bayoneted and decapitated; His remains only to be identified in 1776 in the first known case of post-mortem forensics using the analysis of the dental work (a bridge) that his friend, dentist and fellow patriot Paul Revere constructed for him,

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph Warren physician, soldier, mason, politician and patriot thus became an early martyr of the American Revolution, forever endearing himself for the cause of liberty and freedom,

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly in forming of the County on March 9, 1836 bestowed the name of **Warren** to honor this great American Founding Father and his sacrifice in the fight for America's Independence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby adopt the dates of June 11th through June 17th the dates of **Dr. Warren's** birth and death as a time of remembrance by flying the County flag at half-staff during those days at all County facilities, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Warren County Public School system commemorates the life and contributions of **Dr. Joseph Warren** with curriculum and instruction to tell his story in honor of and appreciation for his fight for Liberty and Freedom on behalf of his generation and the future generations of all Americans and the citizens of **Warren** County which proudly bears his name.

Adopted: **June 1, 2021**

Attest:

Dr. Edwin C. Daley
Interim County Administrator
County of Warren, Virginia

Cheryl Cullers, South River District
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Warren, Virginia