

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

DATE: February 24, 2021

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

() OTHER

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: March 15, 2021

PURPOSE:

To seek Commission Approval of a Resolution Recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

The County Manager received a letter from the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution requesting adoption of a resolution recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their 25th Anniversary.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Staff has placed the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution drafted resolution in our traditional format, and it has been reviewed/approved by the County Attorney.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve Resolution Recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- 2) Deny approval of a Resolution Recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- 3) Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

I move to approve the attached Resolution Recognizing the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Director: _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

DATE: _____

County Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HABERSHAM COUNTY GEORGIA
CONGRATULATING THE JOSEPH HABERSHAM CHAPTER OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION ON THE GRAND OCCASION OF ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the American Revolution secured the independence of the United States and made possible our vibrant system of self-government; and

WHEREAS, the supporters of the American Revolution, through their vision and determination, enhanced the lives of countless individuals and made possible our system of equal justice, limited government, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by those who fought in the American Revolution, and the role played by the 39 delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, irrevocably changed the course of history; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution, a revered and living document, remains the oldest operational, written constitution; provides inalienable rights for every American citizen; secures the "Blessings of Liberty for ourselves and our Posterity"; and sets the standard of democracy for the world; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 established the imperative precedent of compromise, which remains to this day an essential aspect of the American legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution, to honor their fathers and grandfathers who fought or aided in gaining our freedom, was created on the 100th anniversary of George Washington taking his oath of office as our first President; and

WHEREAS, The Joseph Habersham Chapter was chartered on November 21, 1996 in Habersham County, named after Colonel Joseph Habersham. Colonel Habersham was a Revolutionary War hero, Georgia Patriot, and political leader. He was a member of the Continental Congress and a Colonel in the Continental Army. After attending Princeton, he returned to Georgia to help organize the "Liberty Boys" as the Revolution approached. With other Patriots, he organized the Council of Safety at Tondee's Tavern in Savannah on June 22, 1775. He was speaker of the Georgia Assembly twice, signed the first charter granted to a state university in Georgia (the University of Georgia), was Third Postmaster General under President Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Habersham County, Georgia that the members of this body congratulate the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution on the grand occasion of its 25th anniversary and commend its many efforts to promote patriotism and the legacy of our nation's founders.

Dustin Mealor, Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Lindsay Underwood, County Clerk