

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing Founder's Day in Spotsylvania County

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County, which has made many contributions to the history of the Commonwealth and the Nation, will celebrate the 300th anniversary of its founding from 2020 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County was established by an act of the General Assembly on November 2, 1720, and was created from parts of Essex, King and Queen, and King William Counties; and

WHEREAS, the county officially came into existence May 1, 1721, and was named for Alexander Spotswood, a former lieutenant governor of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Crossroads of the Civil War," Spotsylvania County was the site of numerous battles, including Spotsylvania Court House, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Fredericksburg, accounting for more than 108,000 casualties; and

WHEREAS, many prominent Virginians have been born in Spotsylvania County, including Robert Brooke, the 10th governor of Virginia, and Matthew Fontaine Maury, who is considered the father of modern oceanography and naval meteorology; and

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County has also been home to Benjamin Brown, one of the original "Buffalo Soldiers," and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service during the American Indian Wars, noted scholar John J. Wright, and civil rights leader James L. Farmer, Jr., who received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors will celebrate Spotsylvania County Founders' Day on May 1, 2021, to honor the county's rich local history and the momentous occasion of its tercentennial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 1, 2021, as Founder's Day in Spotsylvania County and recognizes the 300th anniversary of its founding.

(SEAL)

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