

RESOLUTION NO. 516

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia, George Washington's hometown, celebrates our first president's birthday annually and has done so since 1791; and

WHEREAS, this celebration is the largest of its kind in the United States, culminating with a George Washington Birthday Parade through Old Town's historic streets; and

WHEREAS, colonial governors met at Alexandria's Carlyle House as early as 1755.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governors of the thirteen founding states be invited to Alexandria on the birthnight of our first president's birthday to participate in the first annual Thirteen Colonies Governors Conference at Carlyle House to discuss taxation and other mutual concerns; and

BE IT RESOLVED that each Governor and parade units representing each state, be invited to appear in the city's annual parade, one of America's oldest parades honoring George Washington's birthday, so that the memory of George Washington and the thirteen colonies' courageous fight for freedom is given a deeper and more permanent national significance.

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Helen Holleman, Clerk of the City  
of Alexandria

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