

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria recognizes General Robert E. Lee as a man of principle who exhibited high virtue and who endeavored to heal the wounds of the Nation created by the War between the States; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 1865, General Robert E. Lee, pursuant to President Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865, did make application for amnesty and restoration of his full citizenship, said application being endorsed by General Ulysses S. Grant; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 1865, upon discovering that an oath of allegiance must accompany a request for pardon and restoration of citizenship, General Robert E. Lee did make such oath before Charles A. Davidson, Notary Public; and

WHEREAS, it appears that full citizenship was not restored to General Robert E. Lee solely because of the misplacement of his oath of allegiance; and

WHEREAS, General Robert E. Lee died and has remained a man without a country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has consistently supported the restoration and preservation of General Robert E. Lee's childhood home as a tourist attraction; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alexandria have long been proud to proclaim General Robert E. Lee as a honorable son of the City of Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

fully supports and encourages the adoption of Joint Senate Resolution 23, to restore posthumously the full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee.

adopted March 11, 1975

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR., MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

TEST:

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