

WHEREAS, the house built by John Carlyle in Alexandria, Virginia in 1752, now the property of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, is being restored by them as the center of an historic park; and

WHEREAS, the house will be open to the public in 1976 as an important historic and architectural attraction in Alexandria for the Bicentennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Carlyle House was the Site where five Royal Governors and General Edward Braddock, Commander in Chief of the British and Colonial military forces, met in conference on April 14, 1755; and

WHEREAS, the deliberations of the participants of that historic gathering resulted in recommendations to the Crown to impose taxes on the American Colonists; and

WHEREAS, such action taken in the Carlyle House had important and far reaching consequences in consolidating popular opposition to British rule in America; and

WHEREAS, these early seeds of Colonial dissatisfaction were later to help precipitate the American War for Independence which culminated in the establishment of the United States;

WHEREAS, the Historic Alexandria Foundation and the Alexandria Historical Society have expressed an interest in commemorating the events of April 14, 1755;

It is therefore deemed both fitting and most appropriate to designate April 14, as an important date for remembrance in 1975 and annually thereafter.

Accordingly, I, Charles E. Beatley, Mayor, Alexandria, Virginia, duly authorized by Members of City Council, do hereby proclaim that April 14 shall be annually observed in commemoration of an historic event, which contributed to the national freedom which we, as Alexandrians in company with all Americans, enjoy under God.

Given under my hand and seal, this 8th day of April 1975, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Charles E. Beatley, Jr.
Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia

Adopted April 8, 1975

Helen Vickers, Clerk of the City
of Alexandria, Virginia