

RESOLUTION NO. 574

WHEREAS, the seaport of Alexandria, Virginia has played an active role in the history of our country since 1749, and

WHEREAS, the first president of the United States was a Trustee of the Town of Alexandria, and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the national bicentennial called for a unique contribution to the wealth of history of our city, and

WHEREAS, by the diligent efforts of Alexandria citizens Lois Kelso Hunt of the Alexandria Beautification Commission; Emily Alexander of the Alexandria Bicentennial Commission; Greg Kiernan, Alexandria City Arborist; and Lloyd LaMois, Forester for the U. S. Department of Agriculture; the Alexandria Bicentennial Tree Committee was formed, and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Tree Committee has located fourteen trees in the City of Alexandria that are two hundred years old or older, and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 1977, the Bicentennial Tree Committee will present placards to the owners of these trees, marking their genus and measured approximate age, and

WHEREAS, these trees have stood for over two centuries enriching our environment and comforting our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, in order to record for the inspiration, benefit and education of present and future generations the historic qualities of these fourteen trees, does hereby designate as Alexandria's Bicentennial Trees:

- 1 Willow Oak - (*Quercus Phellos*) 270 years  
Moore Hill Tract - North
- 1 Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar Styraciflua*) 200 years  
Alexandria National Cemetery
- 1 Red Cedar - (*Juniperus virginiana*) 250 years  
1512 Stonewall Road
- 1 Pecan (*Carya Illinoensis*) 280 years
- 1 White Oak (*Quercus Alba*) - close to Seminary Road  
240 years. 3706 Seminary Road, Virginia Theological Seminary
- 1 American Elm - (*Americana*) 280 years
- 1 American Elm - (*Americana*) 200 years
- 1 Tulip - (*Liriodendron Tulipifera*) 200 years  
318 North Quaker Lane
- 1 Magnolia - (*Grandiflora*) 200 years  
415 Prince Street
- 1 Beech Tree - (*Fagus Grandifolia*) 200 years  
Strawberry Hill property - approximately 4000 Duke Street
- 1 American Linden (*Tila Americana*) 300 years  
2915 King Street
- 1 Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus Hippocastanum*) 200 years  
419 South Fairfax Street

- 1 Sycamore - American Plane Tree - (Plantanus Occidentalis) 400 years  
415 Wolfe Street
- 1 Pine - (Pinus virginiana) 200 years  
Tree was blown down by wind, however should be considered as the tree was there during the Bicentennial.  
Stump remains.  
Braddock Road

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria commends the stewardship of these trees to the citizens of Alexandria to insure their future health and beauty.

Adopted September 28, 1977

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Helen Holleman, Clerk of the City of  
Alexandria, Virginia