

RESOLUTION 2024-137

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING REVOLUTION NJ TO PLAN, ENCOURAGE,
DEVELOP AND COORDINATE COMMEMORATION OF THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UNITED STATES AND NEW JERSEY'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey State Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Tahesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiatives, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas, and events that shaped our Country, State and County; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jerseyans played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the Unites States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey here by endorses RevolutionNJ and it's mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that:

1. **The Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey** commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.
2. **The Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey** encourages the Ocean County cultural and Heritage Commission to develop a plan for this commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations, and institutions in the commemorations.
3. **The Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey** further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in this important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation and RevolutionNJ and all 33 Ocean County Municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I, Donna M. Manno, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat at their regular meeting held on the 5th day of March 2024, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

Donna M. Manno, RMC
Municipal Clerk