



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Britain from June 18, 1812, through February 18, 1815, in Virginia and Maryland, along the Canadian border, along the western frontier, along the Gulf Coast, and through naval engagements in the Great Lakes and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; and

WHEREAS, the strategic location of the Chesapeake Bay near the nation's capital made it a prime target for the British, and the coast of Virginia figured prominently in the Atlantic theatre of operations; and

WHEREAS, there were some 73 armed encounters with the British that took place in Virginia during the war, and Virginians actively fought in Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio and in naval engagements; and an estimated 70,000 Virginians served during the American War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, the American War of 1812 helped forge a national identity among the American states and laid the groundwork for a national system of homeland defense and a professional military within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 provides an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the independence for which our forefathers so bravely fought; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Virginia General Assembly established the Virginia Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 Commission to lead the Commonwealth's commemoration of the bicentennial of America's Forgotten War, the Second War of Independence, and localities throughout the State have been requested to commemorate the bicentennial locally with activities and to participate in the several signature events and other programs and activities planned for the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clyde A. Haulman, Mayor of the City of Williamsburg, on behalf of the Williamsburg City Council, do hereby commemorate the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 in Virginia, and will endeavor to support the commemoration through locally developed activities and participation in statewide bicentennial events and programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Williamsburg City Council notifies the Virginia Bicentennial of the American War of 1812 Commission of its intention to support local activities and to encourage participation in statewide events and program commemorate the bicentennial of the American War of 1812 in Virginia.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, to be affixed, this fourth day of November, Two Thousand and Eleven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clyde A. Haulman".

Clyde A. Haulman, Mayor