RESOLUTION NO. 2024-159

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING REVOLUTION NJ

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, ideas and events that shaped our Country, State and County; 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 United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is a patriot burial for Revolutionary War veteran Thomas Chafey, who served in the NJ 1st Regiment from 1780 to 1783, at Zion Cemetery in New Egypt; and

WHEREAS, a historic marker was provided by the Pomeroy Foundation through the NJ Society of Sons of the American Revolution; the fourth of an anticipated 100 signs to be installed in New Jersey.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Plumsted commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation and supports the Ocean County Board of Commissioners to develop a plan for this commemoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted further urges all of 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 whole 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 ideas articulated in our founding documents.

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

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ABSENT				X	

CERTIFICATION

I, JENNIFER WITHAM, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Plumsted, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Plumsted Township Committee at a meeting held on the 7TH day of MARCH, 2024.

JENNIFER WITHAM, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk