## A RESOLUTION FORMING A COMMITTEE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF THE VIRGINIA AMERICA 250 COMMISSION (VA250).

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia is dedicated to the furtherance of economic development and tourism in Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia America 250 Commission (VA250) was created in 2020 by the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing for and commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence; and

WHEREAS, VA250 has requested that each locality form a committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period; and

WHEREAS, City Council therefore desires to form a local VA250 Committee to plan and coordinate programs occurring within the locality and communicate regularly with VA250;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia:

- 1. That it desires to support the Virginia America 250 Commission and its efforts to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence.
- 2. That it hereby forms a local VA250 Committee to aid in planning for the commemoration period.
- 3. That the members of the Committee shall be appointed and removed by the City Manager and shall include, to the extent feasible, representatives from tourism, education, economic development, museums and historic sites, local historical and cultural groups, universities and colleges, and Tribal representatives, and may also include City Council liaisons.
  - 4. That the Committee shall be dissolved when deemed appropriate by the City Manager.
  - 5. That this Resolution shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia at a meeting held on February 28, 2023.

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