

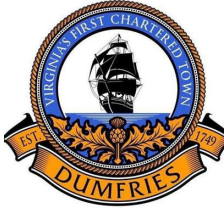
Town of Dumfries Council Meeting Packet



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February 7, 2023



DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA

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DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT 7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Moment of Silent Prayer
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Awards and Proclamations
 - A. Proclamation Declaring National Gun Violence Survivors Week, February 1-7, 2023 – Mayor Derrick Wood (Page 1)
 - B. Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month – Mayor Derrick Wood (Page 2)
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- VIII. Mayor & Council Comment
- IX. Reports and Presentations
 - A. Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Annual Report – Monica Backman, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (Pages 6-7)
 - B. Veterans Administration Disability Overview – Kathy Andrews, Assistant Regional Manager, Department of Veterans Services, Benefits (Pages 8-18)
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XI. Adjournment



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK
FEBRUARY 1 – 7, 2023**

This proclamation declares the week of February 1, 2023, to February 7, 2023, to be National Gun Violence Survivor Week in the Town of Dumfries, Virginia to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and uplift the resilient voices of survivors across the nation.

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 40,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence and approximately 76,000 more are shot and wounded;

WHEREAS, every year, on average, 1,605 Virginia residents are killed in acts of gun violence and nearly 1,911 more are shot and wounded;

WHEREAS, by early February, more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year;

WHEREAS, a gun violence survivor is anyone who has personally experienced gun violence — whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know and cared for wounded or killed;

WHEREAS, forms of gun violence can include, but are not limited to: gun suicides, gun homicides, domestic violence involving a gun, shootings by law enforcement, and unintentional shootings;

WHEREAS, 59 percent of American adults, including 71 percent of Black and Latinx Americans, or someone they care for has experienced gun violence in their lifetime, demonstrating the reach and impact gun violence has in communities across America;

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens;

WHEREAS, people in America in cities across the nation are working to end the senseless violence by advocating for commonsense gun safety legislation;

WHEREAS, by commemorating National Gun Violence Survivors Week on February 1 to February 7, cities across America will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our communities safe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **TOWN COUNCIL OF DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA**, do hereby proclaim February 1 to February 7, 2023 to be **NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK** and encourage all citizens to support their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

By Order of Council:

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor
Town of Dumfries
February 7, 2023



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, during this time, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the story of American progress has been shaped by the inextinguishable belief that change is always possible and a brighter future lies ahead; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate giants of the civil rights movement and countless other men and women whose names are etched on the cornerstones of our country; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted scholar, Harvard University trained historian, and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, with the intent of raising awareness for African American's contributions to civilization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, beginning February 12, 1926; and, for many years following, Black History Week was celebrated during the second week of February; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the United States of America's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and established as Black History Month. In that year President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history"; and

WHEREAS, we understand that more than 400 years ago, the first enslaved Africans in English-occupied North America were brought to Virginia; and

WHEREAS, despite constant adversity throughout American history, African American culture and heritage is continually strengthened, each generation; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Black History Month 2023 is "Black Resistance"; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings, since the nation's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the Black family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past, present, and future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the Town of Dumfries, Virginia and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor
Town of Dumfries
February 7, 2023

**DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A video recording of this meeting is available on the Town's Website at www.dumfriesva.gov and YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/live/Map28JAKTUs?feature=share>

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

At 7:02 PM, Mayor Wood called the meeting to order. The following members were recorded as present: Brown, Miles, Peterson, Nickerson, and Wood. Council absent was Fields and Peet. Mayor Wood noted that Councilman Fields was absent due to employer training.

II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer was led by Potomac Valley Church Pastor Will Archer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Councilman Brown to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Peterson, Nickerson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A)

IV. Awards and Proclamations

The following proclamations were presented:

Proclamation Declaring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Prince William County Alumnae Chapter Day

Proclamation Declaring Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Omicron Chi Omega Chapter Day

Proclamation Declaring Zeta Phi Theta Sorority, Inc. Phi Kappa Zeta Alumnae Chapter Day

V. Approval of Minutes

Dumfries Town Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2023

On a motion made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Vice Mayor Nickerson to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023, Council meeting. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

VI. Citizens Comments

VII. Reports and Presentations

Town Manager's Report – Town Manager Keith Rogers, Jr.

Town Manager Rogers presented his report and answered questions from Council.

VIII. Closed Session

Discussion of appointments of specific public officers pursuant to Va. Code §§2.2-3711.A(1)

It was determined by council that a closed session was not needed.

IX. Action Items

Resolution to Adopt Rules of Procedures for Town Council

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Vice Mayor Nickerson to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Rules of Procedures for Town Council with changing the Chair Pro Tem's re-appointment to bi-annually. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

Resolution to Make Appointments of Members to Regional Boards

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Vice Mayor Nickerson to appoint Councilman Fields to the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

On a motion made by Councilwoman Miles, seconded by Vice Mayor Nickerson to appoint Councilman Brown to the Northern Virginia Regional

Commission. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

On a motion made by Vice Mayor Nickerson, seconded by Councilman Brown to appoint Councilwoman Miles to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Planning Coordinating Advisory Committee. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

On a motion made by Vice Mayor Nickerson, seconded by Councilman Brown to appoint Councilwoman Miles as the Chair Pro Tem. Vote 5-0-0 (Yes: Brown, Miles, Nickerson, Peterson, and Wood; No: N/A; Abstain: N/A).

X. Adjournment

Mayor Wood adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P.M.

Click the link below to access the document.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Annual Report – Monica Backman, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

Economic Impacts of **\$7.1 BILLION**

from Regional and Local Funding¹
through the

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

This study was completed by Richmond, VA-based Chmura Economics & Analytics. The study period analyzed is FY2014–FY2027.

- 1 NVT A FY2014-FY2027 Regional Revenues (3.1B) and Actual and Estimated Local Revenues (1.5B) totaling \$4.6 Billion
- 2 Based solely on NVT A Regional Revenue-funded projects. Does not include jurisdiction use of NVT A Local Revenues.
- 3 \$3 Billion accounts for other funding sources, such as SmartScale and federal funding programs.



BUILDING MOMENTUM IN A REGION CONNECTED

REGIONAL INVESTMENT OF

\$3.1 BILLION² in 122 multimodal regional projects has triggered another **\$3 BILLION³** in additional committed investments = **\$6.1 BILLION** in critical transportation projects to NoVA



SAVING TRAVEL TIME

400 MILLION HOURS of TRAVEL TIME SAVED by 2035, or **\$6 BILLION** in MONETARY SAVINGS, giving Northern Virginia taxpayers more than **190% RETURN ON THE TAXES** entrusted to NVT A²



CREATING JOBS

42,000 JOBS CREATED¹ through NVT A project funding, **90%¹** are staying in NoVA, ensuring FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH and VITALITY of the region.

The taxes paid by Northern Virginians to NVT A benefit the entire Commonwealth through increased economic activity,



VA Disability Benefits Overview

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About DVS

- The Virginia Department of Veterans Services advocates for Virginia veterans and connects them to earned benefits and services they have earned.
- Information on current federal, state and local veterans' programs, entitlements and referral services is available in Virginia through a network of 34 benefit service offices.
- DVS is a State agency. All services are provided free of charge.



Virginia Department of Veterans Services



DVS Services



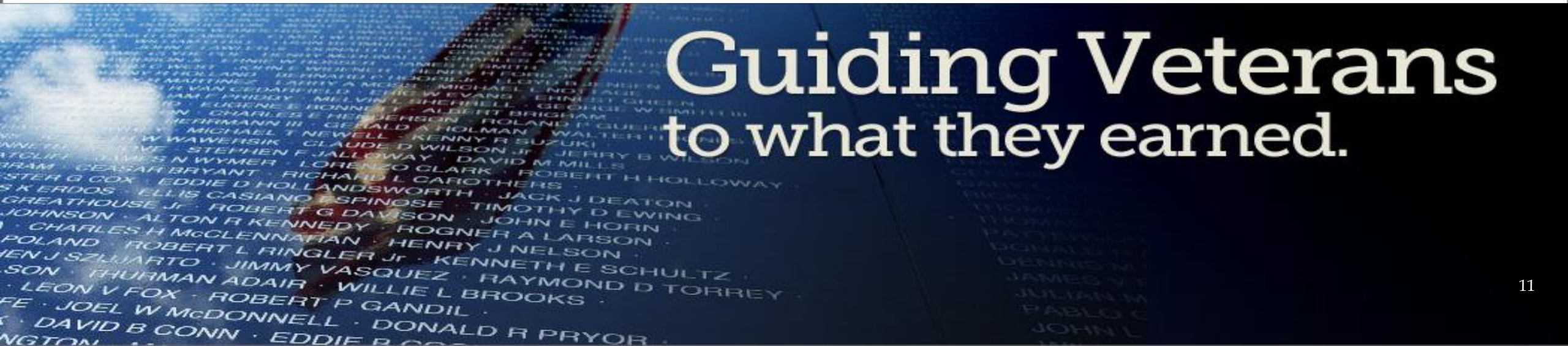
Virginia Department of Veterans Services





Our Mission

To provide Virginia's veterans and their family members with accurate, timely and ethical education and assistance in obtaining the federal and state benefits they have earned through service and sacrifice to our Commonwealth and Nation.



Guiding Veterans to what they earned.



Virginia Department of Veterans Services



DVS Benefits Division

The **Virginia Department of Veterans' Services** serves all veterans, as well as their dependents and survivors in developing, filing and prosecuting claims for benefits under the complex laws of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).



DVS Benefits Division

- DVS Veteran Service Representatives are accredited with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to submit claims and appeals to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- We electronically submit all VA claims, appeals and supporting documents to the appropriate VA Regional Office, as well as tracking those claims by logging into the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) systems



What We Do for Our Veterans

- Veteran Compensation Claims
Benefits Delivered at Discharge (BDD)
90-180 days before discharge
- HLR/ Supplemental / Appeals
- Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Veteran Pension Claims
- Aid and Attendance Claims

- Claim for Burial Benefits/Flags/Markers
- Certificate of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Guarantees
- VGLI Applications
- Application for Education Benefits
- Outreach into Local Communities – Itinerary Visits/Presentations
- Referral to Local, State, and Federal Social Services





Disability Compensation Benefits

- **Purpose**
 - VA Disability Compensation Benefits is designed to compensate a veteran for diminished work capacity as a result of a disability incurred in military service
- **Eligibility**
 - Must be a Veteran
 - Active Duty military service with a DD-214
 - Injury incurred during active/inactive duty for training for Reserve and National Guard
- **Requirements**
 - **Service Connected Disability Claims**
 - Disability compensation is a benefit for current disabilities that are related to an in-service injury, illness, or hazardous exposure.
 - Disability compensation can open doors to additional benefits, such as healthcare.
 - No time limits to file a claim after service



Disability Compensation:

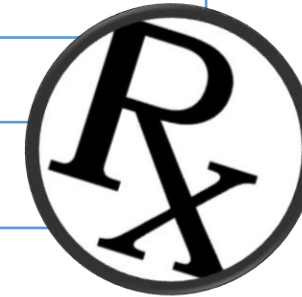
Requirements for Service Connection



In Service Event, Injury, or Exposure

Current Diagnosed Disability

Nexus Theory Between 1 & 2





Questions?



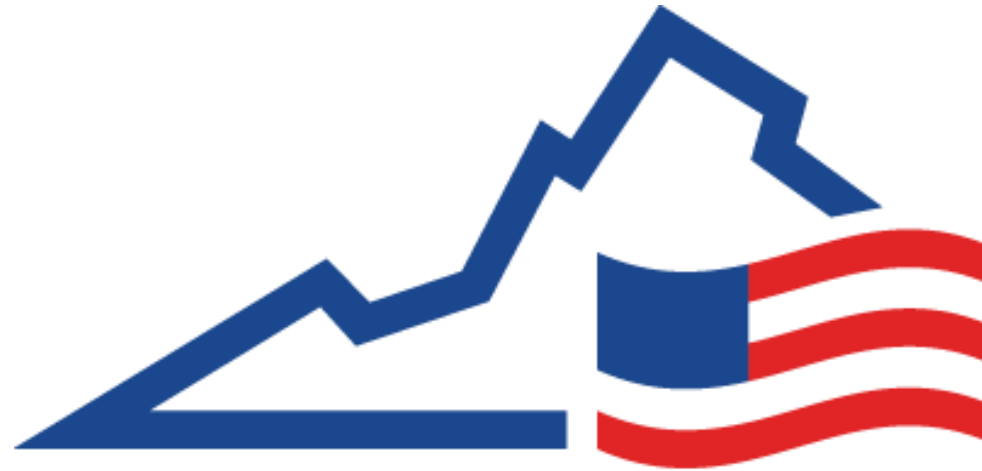


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Benefits



Benefits

Virginia Department of Veterans Services

AT A MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023: ON A MOTION MADE BY _____ AND SECONDED BY _____, THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED; VOTE:

Tyrone A. Brown, _____;
Brian K. Fields, _____;
Selonia B. Miles, _____;
Monaé S. Nickerson, _____;
Shaun R. Peet, _____;
Caetrina A. Peterson, _____;
Derrick R. Wood, _____;

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES

WHEREAS, *Town Code §14-3(a)* requires the Council of the Town of Dumfries to appoint a Building Official for the administration and enforcement of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC); and

WHEREAS, Virginia Building Code requires every local building department shall have a building official as the executive official in charge of the department. The building official shall be appointed in a manner selected by the local governing body;

WHEREAS, Eric Clark, the Town of Dumfries Building Inspector, is duly qualified to administer and enforce the USBC; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Dumfries is prepared to make this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Dumfries does hereby appoint Building Inspector Eric Clark as the Building Official for the Town of Dumfries, and that he shall have all necessary authority on behalf of the Council of the Town of Dumfries to administer and enforce the Buildings and Building Regulations of the Town.

This resolution shall become effective on February 7, 2023.

By Order of Council:

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Tangi R. Hill, Town Clerk

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Brian K. Fields, _____;
Selonia B. Miles, _____;
Monaé S. Nickerson, _____;
Shaun R. Peet, _____;
Caetrina A. Peterson, _____;
Derrick R. Wood, _____;

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES**

WHEREAS, Town Manager Keith C. Rogers, Jr. was appointed as Acting Zoning Administrator has resigned; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Zoning Ordinance Sec. 70-52, the Council appoints the Zoning Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Dumfries does hereby appoint Principal Planner Nick Cicero, as Zoning Administrator and that he shall have all necessary authority on behalf of the Council of the Town of Dumfries to administer and enforce the zoning regulations of the Town.

This resolution shall become effective on February 7, 2023.

By Order of Council:

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor

Attest:

Tangi R. Hill, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Item Type

Award Proclamation Resolution/Ordinance Motion Discussion

Statement of Purpose

Establish a 275th Anniversary Committee to begin meeting and planning a grand celebration for Saturday, May 11, 2024

Background/References

The Town of Dumfries was Chartered on May 11, 1749, and in 2024 we turn 275. Because we have limited resources with our staff and it is the customs of many localities to put together a committee. In the spirit of keeping with tradition and celebrating our heritage. We should establish a committee with a make-up of but not limited to the following: PWC Historic, Historic Dumfries, PWC Tourism, Batestown Historian, Town Staff member, 3 to 5 residents/business owners

Fiscal Impact

To be determined

Suggested Motion

Adopt Resolution to Establish Anniversary Committee

Requested Meeting Date

Feb. 7, 2023

Attachments

- *For awards and proclamations, please attach desired language*

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FEBRUARY 7, 2023: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____,
AND SECONDED BY _____, THIS
RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED: VOTE**

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Brian K. Fields, ____;
Selonia B. Miles, ____;
Monae S. Nickerson, ____;
Shaun R. Peet, ____;
Caetrina A. Peterson, ____;
Derrick R. Wood, ____;

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Dumfries was Chartered on May 11, 1749;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2024, the Town of Dumfries will celebrate its 275th Anniversary of its chartering;

WHEREAS, it is customary of many localities to establish a committee in the spirit of keeping with tradition and celebrating our heritage;

WHEREAS, the Dumfries Town Council felt it was necessary to establish a committee for the purpose of planning activities and making recommendation to the entire Town Council for this upcoming event;

WHEREAS, appointees of the committee shall consist of individuals that represent the civic, historical, economic, and cultural vitality of the local community;

WHEREAS, the committee will have the authority to only make recommendations to the Dumfries Town Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council does hereby establish the formation of the 275th Anniversary Committee as outlined above.

By Order of Council:

Derrick R. Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk