

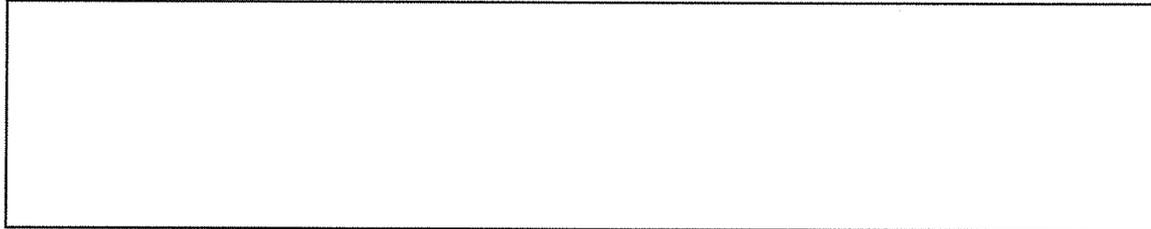
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Mayors Advisory

May 2, 2013

Re: Uncover Your Revolutionary Spirit. Discover Revolutionary New Jersey

“National Heritage Areas are places where small investments pay huge dividends, providing demonstrable benefits in communities across the country and in partnership with our national parks.”

– National Parks Service Director Jon Jarvis.

Dear Mayor:

Huzzah!.. echoes across the years to encourage us, remind us and inspire us. The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area was established in 2006 by an act of the United States Congress to celebrate New Jersey’s.

As we approach the 350th anniversary of the great state of New Jersey, Crossroads offers an unprecedented opportunity to interpret and celebrate our state’s rich history through collaborative partnerships with municipalities, historic sites and societies, schools, galleries and museums. I hope that you will join with us to raise awareness of our common heritage and to educate our diverse citizenry about the sacrifices made to found our nation.

New Jersey’s Revolutionary War story is not one of easy triumph and glory. New Jersey is where General Washington’s army survived the worst weather in more than a century - **an experience we can identify with today**. We need your help to insure that current and future generations can continue to *Discover Revolutionary New Jersey*.

The American Revolution succeeded through the acts of citizens dealing with everyday struggles. Our revolutionary legacy is built on individual tales of courage and perseverance, such as Samuel Sutphin, a **slave who fought heroically** in the war but was later denied a pension. It is the story of the Powell family of Gloucester who sent 15 sons to fight during the Revolution, a **sacrifice unequaled then or since**.

Telling these stories, along with preserving and promoting their associated sites and landscapes, engages our neighbors in celebrating our shared Revolutionary story - a story that is just as relevant now as it was more than 200 years ago.

The Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area encompasses approximately 2200 square miles in 14 counties right now. But in truth, there is not a single community in New Jersey that does not bear the imprint of the American Revolution.

Please help to preserve our legacy and to inspire future leaders by celebrating the 350th anniversary of New Jersey in 2014 and the Crossroads of the American Revolution. There are so many ways that you can lead your town in celebration. Your town picnics, parades and special events can be themed with our colonial history in mind. How about a patriotic bike parade or baby parade? The Crossroads site, www.revolutionarynj.org provides valuable resources for teachers, communities, and yourself to engage speakers, trunk shows or re-enactors at your celebrations.

The Crossroads monthly e newsletter features special events, tours and programs for children of all ages. And they would be pleased to add your *revolutionary* events to our calendar of events. I hope that you join with the League of Municipalities and the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area to Discover Revolutionary New Jersey and to celebrate our common heritage.

Please feel free to call Noreen Bodman, the Crossroads executive director at 609-633-2060 or to contact her at info@revolutionarynj.org for more information.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

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