

# Proclamation

## ***Patriots Day***

- Whereas,*** *April 19, 1775 is a momentous day in our nation's history; and*
- Whereas,*** *in the early hours of that day, three patriots – Paul Revere, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott – rode through the streets of Massachusetts to warn fellow colonists that British troops had been assembled and were advancing with the intention of capturing patriot leaders and military stores; and*
- Whereas,*** *answering this alarm, men and women congregated on the Village Green in Lexington on the morning of April 19, 1775, took up arms and commenced the struggle that would end England's control of the American colonies; and*
- Whereas,*** *"the shot heard 'round the world" was fired in Concord by determined patriots from the Middlesex countryside, who confronted the Redcoats and ultimately forced the British to turn back at North Bridge; and*
- Whereas,*** *minutemen, militia and colonists from cities and towns throughout the commonwealth joined forces along the battle road at Menotomy, now known as Arlington and overpowered the retreating British; and*
- Whereas,*** *it is appropriate that we recognize the importance of this day in our history and pay tribute to the dedication of those assembled on the Village Green in Lexington for that Decisive battle; and*
- Whereas,*** *the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, an organization of lineal descendants of the patriots of the American Revolution, reminds us of the courage and sacrifice of our founders who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to bestow the blessings of liberty upon this great state and nation.*

***NOW, THEREFORE,*** *we, the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and proclaim April 19, 2008 as **Patriots Day** and urge all Georgians to become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution played in the history of our great nation.*

***Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.***