

Proclamation

Patriots Day

WHEREAS, April 12, 1775 is a momentous date in the founding of our nation – once celebrated with other patriotic holidays; and

WHEREAS, in the early hours of that day, Paul Revere, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott raced through the Massachusetts countryside to warn fellow citizens that British troops were coming to arrest their leaders and seize their stores of munitions; and

WHEREAS, answering this alarm, Patriots took up arms, congregated on the Village Green in Lexington and, during a confrontation with the British troops, several Patriots were killed thus marking the beginning of the war for American Independence; and

WHEREAS, on that same day, determined Patriots lay in wait for the advancing British at Concord's North Bridge and, during the intense fighting, they repulsed the British, who then began their retreat to Boston with the Patriots harassing them all the way; and

WHEREAS, news of "the shot heard 'round the world" galvanized public opinion in favor of the American Revolution, including reluctant Georgians; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we recognize the importance of this day in our history and remember the sacrifices endured by many Patriots during years of struggle for American Independence; and

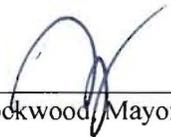
WHEREAS, Milton County honored John Milton, a Georgia Continental officer whom the British captured at Fort McIntosh in 1777 and imprisoned at St. Augustine. During the British capture of Savannah in 1778, Milton saved Georgia's public records by taking them to the Carolinas, and later to Maryland. He returned the records following the re-establishment of Georgia's government in 1782. Milton County became part of Fulton County in 1931; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milton is named for John Milton and is within the county once named for him.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Milton proclaims the 14th day of April as PATRIOTS DAY and encourages our citizens to honor the many Patriots for whom Georgia counties and towns are named, and pay tribute to all the Patriots of the American Revolution.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 14th day of April 2014.





Joe Lockwood, Mayor