



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The American Friends of Lafayette and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are celebrating the Bicentennial of the Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of America in 2024 – 2025; and
- WHEREAS:** During the American Revolutionary War, the young Marquis de Lafayette was a courageous Revolutionary hero who played a vital role in the success of our nation's struggle for independence and was a strong ally to General George Washington; and
- WHEREAS:** General Lafayette tirelessly fought for America's independence from Great Britain. He was wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, and successfully led an independent command during the Virginia Campaign; and
- WHEREAS:** In recognition of his valiant service, General Lafayette was made an honorary citizen of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS:** General Lafayette was a selfless leader, a constant advocate for freedom and independence, and an ardent supporter of the abolition of slavery. During his 13-month tour of America, he visited the then 24 states speaking about the ideals of liberty, justice, and democracy; and
- WHEREAS:** General Lafayette traveled to the State of New Hampshire and on June 23-24, 1825 visited Dover where he was greeted by its citizens as a cherished hero; and
- WHEREAS:** A Lafayette Trail Marker has been installed near the entrance of the former home of William Hale, where General Lafayette was hosted and stayed overnight; and
- WHEREAS:** June 2025 is the 200th Anniversary of General Lafayette's visit to our city.

NOW, THEREFORE I ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR of the City of Dover, NH do hereby proclaim **JUNE 23, 2025** as **GENERAL MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE DAY** in the City of Dover, and call this day to the attention of all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this 11th Day of June, 2025.

Robert Carrier, Mayor
City of Dover, New Hampshire