

# *A Common Cause To All*

*A Resolution of the States  
Gathered in Partnership on the  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Virginia's Committee of Correspondence*

**Williamsburg, Virginia**

**March 12, 2023**

Two hundred and fifty years ago, a disunited people began a correspondence and rallied to a common cause, which three years later culminated in the establishment of the United States of America.

Our American experiment is unique in human history—a government of laws and not of individuals; a government by the people and for the people, founded on the self-evident truth that all are created equal and are endowed with the universal rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In the ensuing centuries, our nation, through the determination of its people, and with its boundless capacity for reinvention and renewal, has progressed in its journey, bending towards justice, and striving to fulfill by struggle and sacrifice the promise of the Revolution for all Americans.

Inspired by the approaching 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our nation's founding, we gathered here, resolve to commemorate our shared American story, recognizing its fullness and complexity, its achievements and shortcomings, and by honoring the many voices that together forge one nation.

We pledge ourselves to a new common cause—for all Americans to unite in reflection, celebration, and aspiration as we continue our national journey together.

We call on all Americans to embrace this historic moment—extraordinary in our lifetimes—as it is incumbent upon us to collectively renew our commitment to the unfinished pursuit of a more perfect Union, and to forever advance the ideas that inspired the Revolution...liberty and justice for all.

Affirmed unanimously on March 12, 2023 at “A Common Cause to All: A Convening of States on the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Call for Committees of Correspondence,” Williamsburg, Virginia.