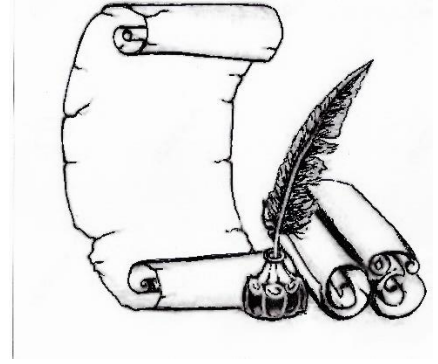


THE HALIFAX RESOLVES

APRIL 12, 1776



North Carolina was **FIRST FOR FREEDOM** and the NC flag commemorates the date of April 12, 1776.

The **Halifax Resolves** is a resolution unanimously adopted by the delegates selected from North Carolina counties and towns who were meeting in Halifax NC during the spring of 1776. It instructed the three NC representatives, Joseph Hewes, John Penn, William Hooper, to the Second Continental Congress which was meeting in Philadelphia to vote for independence from England. The resulting **Declaration of Independence** similar in content and tone.

The Halifax Resolves is documented in the journals of the 4th Provincial Congress:

The Select Committee to take into Consideration the Usurpations and Violences attempted and Committed by the King and Parliament of Britain against America, and the further measures to be taken for frustrating the same, and for the better defense of this province, reported as follows, to wit,

It appears to your Committee, that pursuant to the plan concerted by the British Ministry for subjugating America, the King and Parliament of Great Britain have usurped a power over the persons and properties of the people unlimited and uncontroled, and disregarding their humble petitions for peace, Liberty, and Safety, have made divers Legislative Acts, denouncing War, Famine, and every Species of Calamity against the Continent in general.

That British Fleets and Armies have been, and still are daily employed in destroying the people, and committing the most horrid devastations on the country. That Governors in different Colonies have declared Protections to slaves, who should imbrue their hands in the blood of their masters.

That the ships belonging to America are declared prizes of War, and many of them have been violently Seized and Confiscated. In Consequence of all which multitudes of the people have been destroyed, or from easy circumstances reduced to the most lamentable distress.

And Whereas the Moderation hither to manifested by the United Colonies, and their sincere desire to be reconciled to the Mother Country on Constitutional principles, have procured no Mitigation of the aforesaid Wrongs and Usurpations, and no hopes remain of obtaining redress by those means alone which have been hitherto tried, your Committee are of Opinion that the House should enter into the following Resolve,

Resolved, the Delegates for this Colony in the Continental Congress be empowered to Concur with the Delegates of the other Colonies in declaring Independency and forming foreign alliances – reserving to this Colony the Sole and Exclusive right of forming a Constitution and Laws for this Colony, and of appointing Delegates from time to time (under the direction of a General representation thereof) to meet the Delegates of the other Colonies, for such purposes as shall be hereafter pointed out.

The Congress taking the Same into Consideration, unanimously Concurred therewith.

DELEGATES TO 4TH PROVINCIAL CONGRESS

HALIFAX, N. C.

APRIL 4-MAY 14, 1776

ANSON COUNTY	John Child, John Crawford, Daniel Love, James Pickett, Samuel Spencer
BEAUFORD COUNTY	John Cowper, Roger Ormond, Thomas Respass Jr.
BERTIE COUNTY	John Campbell, John Johnston, Charles Jaycocks
BLADEN COUNTY	Thomas Amis, Maturin Colville, James Council, Nathaniel Richardson, Thomas Robeson, Jr.
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	Unknown/Vacant
BUTE COUNTY	William Alston, Philemon Hawkins, Green Hill, William Person, Thomas Sherrod
CARTERET COUNTY	John Blackhouse, Solomon Shepard, William Thompson
CHATHAM COUNTY	Elisha Cain, Jeduthan Harper, Ambrose Ramsey, Joseph Rosser, John Thompson
CHOWAN COUNTY	John B. Beasley, Thomas Benbury, Thomas Hunter, Samuel Johnston (President), Thomas Jones
CRAVEN COUNTY	Jacob Blount, John Bryan, William Bryan, James Coor, Lemuel Hatch
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	Farquard Campbell, Alexander McAllister, Alexander McCoy/McKay, Thomas Rutherford, David Smith
CURRITUCK COUNTY	Samuel Jarvis, Gideon Lamb, Solomon Perkins, James Ryan, James White
DOBBS COUNTY	Simon Bright, Richard Caswell, William McKinnie, George Miller, Abraham Sheppard
DUPLIN COUNTY	Richard Clinton, William Dickson, Thomas Gray
EDGECOMBE COUNTY	Elisha Battle, Nathan Boddie, William Haywood, Henry Irwin, Duncan Lemond
GRANVILLE COUNTY	Charles A. Eaton, Memucan Hunt, John Penn, Thomas Person, Thomas Person, John Taylor
GILFORD COUNTY	William Dent, Ralph Gorrell, Ransom Sutherland
HALIFAX COUNTY	Willis Alston, John Bradford, James Hogun, David Sumner, Joseph John Williams
HERTFORD COUNTY	Lawrence Baker, Matthias Brickell Jr., William Murfree, Robert Sumner
HYDE COUNTY	Joseph Hancock, John Jordan, Rotheas Latham, Benjamin Parmelin
JOHNSTON COUNTY	Needham Bryan, Jr. Henry Rains, Samuel Smith Jr.
MARTIN COUNTY	Whitmell Hill, Kenneth McKenzie, Edward Smithwick, Thomas Wiggins, William Williams
MECKLENBURG COUNTY	John McKnitt Alexander, Robert Irwin, John Phifer
NEW HANOVER	John Ashe, Samuel Ashe, John DeVane, John Hollingsworth, Sampson Mosely
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	Jeptha Atherton, Howell Edmunds, Drewry Gee, Eaton Haynes***, Allen Jones (Vice President), Samuel Lockhart*/Easton Haynes
ONSLow COUNTY	Benjamin Doty, John King, George Mitchell, John Norman, John Spicer
ORANGE COUNTY	Thomas Burke, John Butler, John Kinchen, Nathaniel Rochester, James Saunders
PASQUOTANK COUNTY	Henry Abbot, Thomas Boyd, Dempsey Burgess, William Cumming, Joseph Jones
PERQUIMANS COUNTY	Charles Blount, Miles Harvey, Thomas Harvey, Charles Moore, William Skinner
PITT COUNTY	William Robeson, Edward Salter, John Simpson
ROWAN COUNTY	John Johnston, Matthew Locke, Griffith Rutherford
SURRY COUNTY	Charles Gordon, Joseph Williams, Joseph Winston
TRYON COUNTY	James Johnson, Charles McLean
TYRRELL COUNTY	Archibald Corry
WAKE COUNTY	John Hinton, William Hooper, Tignal Jones, Joel Lane, John Rand
TOWN OF BATH	William Brown
TOWN OF CAMBELLTON	Arthur Council
TOWN OF EDENTON	Joseph Hewes
TOWN OF HALIFAX	Willie Jones**/John Webb
TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH	William Johnston
TOWN OF NEW BERN	Abner Nash
TOWN OF SALISBURY	David Nesbitt
TOWN OF WILMINGTON	Cornelius Harnett

James Green, Jr. was appointed Secretary, James Glasgow was appointed Assistant Secretary. John Hunt was appointed Clerk

*Samuel Lockhart was commissioned as a Major in the 3rd NC Regiment. Eaton Haynes was elected to replace him.

**Willie Jones was elected by the Continental Congress as the Superintendent of Indian Affairs and sent to Ft. Charlotte in Georgia. John Webb was elected to replace him.

THE DESCENDANTS OF DELEGATES PROJECT

Are you related to a delegate? The form below can document your line. Please complete and return to Historic Halifax @ PO Box 406, Halifax NC 27839 or email to FOHH1776@gmail.com.

Information will be maintained on file and used only for research. Information regarding events in Halifax will be sent to your email address.

DIRECTIONS: Begin with the name of the delegate, then state his child from which your line flows, continue to your name. Additional biographical information on the delegate is encourage and can be attached to this format. Please limit to five pages and state sources.

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Name of member of 4th Provincial Congress	birth/death		Spouse

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