



Washington State Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
History - Education - Patriotism



## RESOLUTION

28 FEBRUARY 2017

*Whereas* President George Washington led our Country in its struggle to become free and independent and is the foremost veteran and patriot of the United States of America; and

*Whereas* the great State of Washington is the only one of the United States named for the Father of our Country, whose birth day occurs on February 22, 1732; and

*Whereas* our Governor *proclaims* February 22<sup>nd</sup>, annually be designated as *Washington State Patriotic Day* holding a military formation called *Massing of the Colors* in the City of Tacoma; and

*Whereas* hundreds of military units, veterans, civic organizations, and both the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution participate in *Massing of the Colors*; and

*Whereas* the SAR Washington State Society Color Guard participates in full uniform annually at *Massing of the Colors*, with several SAR & DAR Chapters; and

*Whereas* the Washington State SAR-DAR Fife & Drum Corps participate in full uniform to lead the posting of colors at *Massing of the Colors*; and

*Whereas* the SAR of Washington State musters at 40 uniformed men participating in over 200 uniformed events every year, including the *Massing of Colors*; and

*Whereas* there are only three (3) designated National SAR Color Guard Events west of the Mississippi River; and *none* in the Pacific District SAR, now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, the Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution: urges that the National Society Color Guard designate that *Massing of the Colors*, on this *Washington Patriotic Day*, held annually February 22<sup>nd</sup> be listed as an official National Color Guard Event.

Mover: Wm. Robert O'Neal, Color Guard Commander, Washington State Society. [REDACTED]

Seconders: Douglas Nelson, President Washington State Society [REDACTED]

James Lindley, Trustee Montana State Society [REDACTED]

Robert F. Doughty, Trustee, Washington State Society [REDACTED]