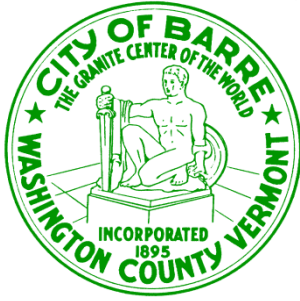




Office of the Mayor

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE

WHEREAS, the Honorable Marquis de Lafayette heroically served as a Major General in America's War for Independence, and;

WHEREAS, serving as an officer in the Continental Army, Lafayette fought alongside George Washington and played a crucial and pivotal role in battles at Brandywine and Yorktown, and;

WHEREAS, Lafayette's contributions are recognized as indispensable to the efforts of the Continental Army and of the American Revolution, and;

WHEREAS, after his service to America, Lafayette returned to France and pursued a career championing the ideals of liberty that the American republic represented, and;

WHEREAS, at the invitation of President James Monroe in 1824, Lafayette - accompanied by his son, George Washington Lafayette - returned to the United States for the last time, and;

WHEREAS, during his triumphal Farewell Tour of America in 1824-1825, which was conducted as the America prepared for its 50th anniversary celebration, Lafayette received affection and gratitude from Americans in all twenty-four states who enthusiastically embraced the last surviving major-general of the American Revolution, and;

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1825, Lafayette traveled through and was received in the village of Barre, where he changed horses and escorts before departing for the capital city of Montpelier.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2025 as "Marquis De Lafayette Day" in the city of Barre and urge all citizens to participate in its observance and the observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the Marquis De Lafayette's historic and last visit to America.

Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor
City of Barre, Vermont