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STATE OF ALABAMA TOWN OF OWENS CROSS ROADS PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR TONY CRAIG

WHEREAS, Robert Wright was born 1762 in Amherst County, Virginia, and died 1847 in Madison County, Alabama.

WHEREAS, Robert Wright was a Revolutionary Soldier in the War of Independence. He attained the rank of Lieutenant and was present at the siege of Yorktown and assisted in the capture of Cornwallis. He also served as a juror during the Revolutionary War period, 1775-1783.

WHEREAS, Lt. Robert Wright married Keziah Bigg, November 22, 1784, in Amherst County, Virginia. He and Keziah migrated to Tennessee about 1799-1800, where she died in 1808. Robert and Keziah had ten children. After her death, he purchased several tracts of land in Madison County, Alabama, beginning in 1811. He married Peggy Calvert after moving to Maddison County and had three children. According to family tradition, Robert and Peggy are buried in the Wright Cemetery in Berkeley, Alabama.

WHEREAS, Obituary from *The Huntsville Democrat*: "Another Revolutionary Patriot gone. Departed this life on the 24th instant, Robert Wright, Sr., a patriot of the Revolution, aged 85 years and 17 days. He was a native of Amherst County, Virginia, was at the siege of Yorktown, and assisted in the capture of Cornwallis. He emigrated to Madison County, Alabama in 1808, where he continued until the day of his death, greatly esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances."

WHEREAS, On August 21, 2021, the Hunt's Spring Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will dedicate a marker at the grave of Lt. Robert Wright, Sr., in the Wright Cemetery, Gurley, Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, that Saturday, August 21, 2021, be hereby proclaimed as **Lt. Robert Wright, Sr. Day** in recognition of his service in the Revolutionary War in the Amherst Virginia Militia and the Continental Line and in further appreciation of the accomplishments and contributions which his descendants have made to the growth and progress of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama and the United States of America.

Done this 22nd day of June, 2021

Tony Craig

Tony Craig, Mayor of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama



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