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CC: Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov>  
Date: 2/23/2016 4:39:40 PM  
Subject: FW: FW: South Carolina's Black History Matters

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This is in regards to the "Forgotten Patriots" Proclamation.

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From: Maurice Barboza [mailto:mbarboza@libertyfunddc.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:23 PM  
To: Symmes, Brian  
Subject: RE: FW: South Carolina's Black History Matters

Brian - I mentioned to Ms. Thomas that we had spoken. She will let me know the day for the release of the proclamation, which could be tomorrow or the next day. I was in touch a few minutes ago with Robert Behr, a reporter at the Post and Courier. He's going to keep an eye on this story, particularly given this update. - Maurice

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From: Maurice Barboza [mailto:mbarboza@libertyfunddc.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2016 11:47 AM  
To: 'BrianSymmes@gov.sc.gov'  
Subject: FW: South Carolina's Black History Matters

Hello Brian,

Thank you for taking my call. After I received the message from Rob Godfrey, I had a couple of exchanges with Katherine Thomas. She was looking at February 15 as the day to release the proclamation described in the release below.

I haven't heard anything since but I'm confident it will be done. In addition, this is an opportunity for the governor to unite all citizens of South Carolina behind a new paradigm. This would demonstrate the state's pride in the collective efforts of blacks and whites to bring about Independence. In so doing, African Americans let known their determination to achieve the principles of the founding documents through the ensuing generations. And it was their vision for America that prevailed. It is a message of self reliance, fidelity and inspiration. It is the greatest story in American history and South Carolina has all of the elements of the story.

Saluda County was the first to approve a resolution honoring the state's patriots. We hope the governor's actions will encourage every municipality and county to follow that example. I'm hoping she'll make a public statement and issue a press release. All the documents are [located on our website](#).

This will help lay the groundwork for a National Liberty Memorial which was approved by Congress for a site on the Mall.

Best wishes,

Maurice

## Maurice Barboza

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From: Godfrey, Rob [<mailto:RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>]

Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 1:30 AM

To: Maurice Barboza

Cc: Adams, Chaney; Veldran, Katherine; Thomas, Katherine; Symmes, Brian

Subject: Re: Over 100 African Americans from South Carolina served in the Revolutionary War and provided civilian assistance as patriots.

Mr. Barboza,

Thank you for reaching out to our office.

I apologize if you didn't hear back from someone when you reached out earlier in the year.

I have copied Katherine Thomas and Brian Symmes on this message, and they will follow up with you today, Friday, to discuss the request further.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Rob Godfrey

Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2015, at 10:58 PM, Maurice Barboza <[mbarboza@libertyfunddc.com](mailto:mbarboza@libertyfunddc.com)> wrote:

Dear Governor Haley,

I wrote to you about South Carolina's African American Revolutionary War patriots, and what a treasure they are, back on June 25, 2016.

There was no reply.

I'm hoping you will issue the proclamation honoring them described in the press release below and play a role in encouraging similar demonstrations of respect among the towns, cities and counties in the state.

All citizens would benefit by knowing how modern South Carolina came to be. It didn't start with the Civil Rights Movement or the fall of a flag but with the Revolutionary War and years of grinding away in the fashion of the ancestors.

Best wishes,

**Maurice Barboza**

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***If a race has no history, if it has no worthwhile tradition,  
it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world,  
and it stands in danger of being exterminated.***

***-Carter G. Woodson***

#### **For Immediate Release**

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### **South Carolina's Black History Matters**

*Congressional Black Caucus chair tells U.S. House that memorial honoring state's first African American veterans of 1776 is of "great importance" to Caucus.*

Washington, DC (February 11, 2016) -- When Republican and Democratic leaders came together to pass legislation in September to facilitate the design and site selection of a national memorial to thousands of African American Revolutionary War veterans, Congressional Black Caucus Chair K. Butterfield (NC 1st) said, "Seeing this important and culturally significant memorial to fruition is of great importance to me. It is of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus."

For the past eight years, National Mall Liberty Fund DC has shared the names and hometowns of thousands of African American Revolutionary War veterans and patriots with 426 cities, towns and counties in five states, from Massachusetts to North Carolina. According to founder Maurice Barboza, "we're asking South Carolina's leaders and 46 counties and 293 municipalities to honor the state's first veterans, thousands of African American patriots of the Revolutionary War, including at least 121 soldiers."

Liberty Fund DC has [posted documents](#) to facilitate the commemoration: A fact sheet, a gubernatorial proclamation, a legislative joint resolution and resolutions for counties and municipalities. Over 30 years ago, President Reagan signed Public Law 98-245 that encourages communities "to issue proclamations" that enrich state, local and national history. Two former South Carolina congressmen cosponsored the legislation, Reps. Carroll Campbell (SC 4th) and Rep. Robert Tallon (SC 6th).

Two pieces of bipartisan U.S. legislation (2012 and 2014) empower Liberty Fund DC to create



