

Historic Halifax ~ Prelude to Liberty

April 2018 Events

The town of Halifax, NC was a commercial and political center at the time of the American Revolution. North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress met in Halifax in the spring of 1776, and on April 12 unanimously adopted a document later called the "Halifax Resolves" -- the first official provincial action for independence in any of the colonies.

Historic Halifax will celebrate the signing of the Halifax Resolves on April 12, 2018. On April 13-14, the town will host a living history event that will focus on the period of the American Revolution.

April 12: Halifax Resolves Day

Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm

Halifax Resolves Day offers a full day of activities featuring historic interpreters, living history demonstrations, historical themed talks, and commemorative observances.

A wreath-laying ceremony sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution will take place at 10:30 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. site interpreter, Frank McMahon, will present a talk on the Black Patriots of North Carolina in the American Revolution.

April 13 - 14: Prelude to Liberty

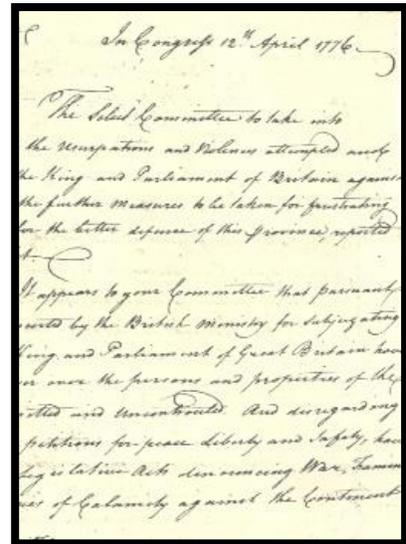
Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm

On Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th, the Prelude to Liberty event will focus on the impact of the Halifax Resolves as the town of Halifax and surrounding area prepare for revolution. Friday's activities will feature ongoing living history demonstrations, and self-guided tours of historic buildings. Reenactors will begin to arrive and set up camp.

On Saturday, April 14th, there will be a parade down King Street with the Halifax Minutemen regiment leading the way as Continental troupes escort newly captured prisoners and refugees from the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in southeastern North Carolina. The patriot victory at Moore's Creek, one of the catalysts that fanned the flames of revolution in North Carolina, led to the adoption of the Halifax Resolves. The day continues with ongoing living history demonstrations in the camps, as well as scheduled historical vignettes featuring portrayals of the townsfolk of Halifax at the dawn of the revolution. A final historical vignette will focus on the 1781 dismissal of the Halifax Minutemen regiment, which led to increased recruiting efforts for Continental Line regiments as the entire colony prepared for the impending war for independence.

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