



# *Proclamation*

## **Absalom Hooper Day**

### **April 21, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Absalom Hooper was born in the mid 1700's on the main Broad River near the mouth of the Green River in the low lands of South Carolina and became of age during the time period of the Revolutionary War fought against the British; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young man, Mr. Absalom Hooper, filled with patriotic pride for his country, ran away from home and enlisted in the Continental Army at Charleston, South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, while serving in Charleston, he was present at the Battle of Sullivan's Island, where the Continental Army was successful in holding off the British from capturing Charleston; and

**WHEREAS**, he served under the command of General Howe in the Florida peninsula and was present during the battle campaigns at St. Mary's and Brier Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, during the battle of Spring Hill at Savannah, Georgia, he sustained a wound in his right arm from a musket ball; and

**WHEREAS**, during the second siege of Charleston, he was wounded in the left thigh, captured by the British and became a prisoner of war; and

**WHEREAS**, he was able to escape from the British and thus rejoin the colonial independence movement by joining up with Colonel Clarke's Georgia Militia and fighting at the siege of Augusta; and

**WHEREAS**, after the end of the Revolutionary War, Mr. Absalom Hooper settled in Haywood County, North Carolina, in what is now Jackson County, where as an early settler he reared his family and established permanent settlement; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Absalom Hooper died on December 9, 1845 in what is now Jackson County, North Carolina and is buried in the East Laporte Cemetery of the Tuckasegee Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, along with other local chapters, have saw fit to install a historic marker at the grave of Mr. Absalom Hooper, recognizing his military service and conduct a memorial service on April 21, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor the memory of Mr. Absalom Hooper by declaring April 21, 2018 as Absalom Hooper Day in Jackson County.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners wishes to offer our sincere appreciation to the Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution for working to honor and remember our local American Revolutionary War Heroes.

Date: April 16, 2018.

Attest:

By:

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Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to the Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman