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**BARNSTABLE COUNTY**

**In the Year Two Thousand and Nineteen**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION 19- 03**

**Whereas**, Barnstable County has a rich and storied history which dates back nearly four centuries, and

**Whereas**, Historical records indicate that 18<sup>th</sup> century citizens of Barnstable County were some of the first colonists to reject British rule, and

**Whereas**, Historical records indicate that on September 27, 1774, nearly two years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, in response to the introduction of the Intolerable Acts which eliminated self-governance, Barnstable County officials voted to permanently ignore the Intolerable Acts, effectively ending local British rule.

**Whereas**, Historical records indicate that the courthouse bell, formally known as the Capt. Peter Adolph Bell, was used to celebrate the dissolution of the bond between Barnstable County and Great Britain on September 27, 1774, currently resides at the First Church in Sandwich, and

**Whereas**, The ringing of the Capt. Peter Adolph Bell heralded a meeting that won independence from the British Crown for Barnstable County in 1774, almost two years before the united colonies' Declaration of Independence.

**Whereas**, Barnstable County regional government endeavors to cultivate and promote our rich and storied history,

***NOW, THEREFORE,***

***BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED*** that the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates:

Shall annually recognize September 27<sup>th</sup> as the Barnstable County Independence Day and shall encourage recognition of this day and it's historical significance in the founding of our country. Furthermore, the Capt. Peter Adolph Bell which was rung at the county courthouse in 1774 shall be officially recognized as the "Cape Cod Liberty Bell".

**(Submitted by James J. Killion, Sandwich Delegate, at a regular Assembly meeting held on August 21, 2019.)**