

National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Andrzej Tadeusz Bonawentura Kościuszko, Polish military engineer, statesman, and soldier, crossed the Atlantic to offer his skill and his honor to the American cause, and by his fortifications at Saratoga, his design of the defenses at West Point, and his faithful service to the Continental Army, rendered aid of lasting consequence to the independence of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kościuszko is rightly remembered as a national hero in Poland, the United States, Lithuania, and Belarus, and as a champion of liberty whose life joined the American Revolution to the wider struggle for self-government; and

WHEREAS, he spent his final years in Solothurn, Switzerland, and died there in 1817, leaving to that city a sacred trust of memory now kept at the house on Gurzelngasse and at the Polish memorial site in Zuchwil; and

WHEREAS, the Kościuszko Society of Solothurn, founded in 1936, has for nearly a century preserved the Kościuszko Museum, its collections, and the places associated with his last residence, and has thereby strengthened friendship among the Swiss, Polish, and American peoples; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marcin Sulmirski, serving the Society with diligence and public spirit, has helped to keep that memory living for a new generation, so that the name of Kościuszko shall not fade in the Decade of the American Revolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T. Books Lyles, Secretary General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, do hereby honor and commend Mr. Marcin Sulmirski and the Kościuszko Society of Solothurn for their faithful stewardship of the life, service, and ideals of Tadeusz Kościuszko.

The National Society expresses its gratitude for this work of remembrance and extends the hand of friendship to the Society of Solothurn, that the alliance of 1776 may continue to be taught with honor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2026.



Thomas B. Lyles, Jr.
Secretary General
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