

National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution



PROCLAMATION
2023 Wreaths Across America

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach our children the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America has chosen “**SERVE AND SUCCEED**” as its 2023 theme to encourage everyone to become involved in their own communities to serve and succeed in their own ways; and,

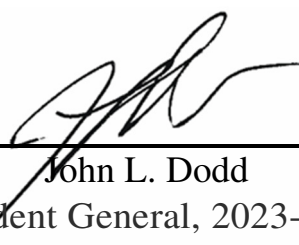
WHEREAS, one of the patriotic, historical, and education purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution is “to perpetuate the memory of those individuals who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;” and,

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution seeks to foster cooperative arrangements with patriotic organizations such as Wreaths Across America in pursuit of our common goals to honor, respect, and support veterans, and to inspire our communities to “a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;” and,

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 16, 2023, which also is the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, has been designated by Wreaths Across America as the date for these wreath laying ceremonies to occur;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John L. Dodd, President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, encourage all Compatriots to join with the more than two million volunteers and supporters of Wreaths Across America and other patriotic, community, and veteran's organizations, on Saturday, December 16, 2023 to participate in wreath-laying ceremonies and activities and find individual ways to **SERVE AND SUCCEED** in your own communities.





John L. Dodd
President General, 2023-2024

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution this twenty-seventh day of November, two thousand twenty-three and the two hundred and forty-eighth year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America.