



**IN ANTICIPATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION
OF THE LAFAYETTE FAREWELL TOUR**

**A Proclamation by
Paradise Township**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Paradise Township join with the American Friends of Lafayette in celebrating the Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour of America in 2024 – 2025; and

WHEREAS this celebration honors the visit to America of the last of the surviving Major Generals of the American Revolution, the Marquis de Lafayette, who in 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, first rendered service to America by traveling from France to give aid to the colonies, join in the fight for American independence, and in the process, became one of George Washington's most trusted major generals and considered by many to be his "adopted son"; and

WHEREAS the Battle of Yorktown, in which Lafayette played a major role, ended with Cornwallis's surrender and a decisive American victory that caused the British government to acknowledge the United States of America as a sovereign Nation; and

WHEREAS Lafayette was a lifelong supporter of human rights, advocating for religious liberty, racial equality, women's rights, and civil justice, and relinquished his own noble title during the French Revolution; and

WHEREAS during his Farewell Tour of America in 1824 – 1824, he visited the then 24 states, always speaking about the ideals of liberty, justice, democracy, and human rights; and

WHEREAS Lafayette traveled through Paradise in three barouche carriages via the Lancaster-Philadelphia Turnpike with County representatives, stopping to greet the crowds gathered at the village of Paradise, dismounting on the Lafayette Offing Stone still in existence at the business sign for Clark Mechanical.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby declare July 27th, 2025 as "Lafayette Day", a time to remember the high ideals of Lafayette and to celebrate his Farewell Tour within our municipality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Paradise to be affixed this 15th day of April, 2025.



Dylan M. Coleman, Chairman
Paradise Township Board of Supervisors

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