

REUBEN McLEROY

A PROCLAMATION

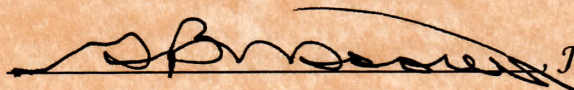
Whereas: The Lyman Hall, Ocmulgee, and Piedmont Chapters of the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution will conduct a dedication of the grave marker commemorating the service of Revolutionary war patriot, Private Reuben McLeroy, and

Whereas: Reuben McLeroy married Christiana Johnson in April 1776 and lived in Wake County, North Carolina at the commencement of the Revolution. Reuben would enlist in the North Carolina Militia and serve gallantly for the duration of the war. Reuben's unit would participate in the Battle of Eutaw Springs and perform beyond expectations. It was at Eutaw Springs that the outnumbered colonists would defeat the British and end their stronghold in the south.

Whereas: By the end of the Revolutionary War, Reuben McLeroy and family would migrate to Wilkes County, Georgia. When the county was later subdivided into several counties it was in Clarke County that Reuben was ordained as a Baptist preacher in September 1804 at the Mars Hill Baptist Church. Reuben would then move his family to Jones County, Georgia in 1810 and serve the Walnut Creek Baptist Church until his death on February 12, 1820.

Whereas: Jones County, Georgia recognizes and extends appreciation to the Sons of the American Revolution, Lyman Hall, Ocmulgee, and Piedmont Chapters, for their efforts to provide historical and educational knowledge and to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services and sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; now

Therefore: as County Commission Chairman of Jones County, Georgia, I do hereby recognize the dedication of a grave marker for Private Reuben McLeroy and call this observance to the attention of our citizens this day, April 24, 2004.



Jones County Commission Chairman