

## NO. 5.

A Joint Resolution endorsing and commending the Triple Anniversaries Observance, during the week of September 12th, 1937, of three events in Maryland History, being the 200th Anniversary of The Settling of Washington County, the 175th Anniversary of The Founding of Hagerstown, and The 75th Anniversary of The Battle of Antietam, and authorizing and requesting the Governor of Maryland to appoint a State Committee and an Interstate Committee to co-operate with, advise, and assist the Washington County Historical Society in preparing for and directing such observance.

WHEREAS, In the development of the State of Maryland, what is now known as the County of Washington was first settled along the Conococheague Creek in the year 1737, and

WHEREAS, The City of Hagerstown, the county seat of the said Washington County, was founded by Jonathan Hager in the year 1762, and

WHEREAS, The Battle of Antietam, one of the most memorable battles of the Civil War, was fought on Maryland soil near Sharpsburg in the year 1862, and

WHEREAS, The Washington County Historical Society, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, in its sponsorship of a fitting anniversaries' observance of these three important historical events in Maryland history is most creditably upholding the historical traditions of our State and Nation.

*Therefore be it resolved*, That the Legislature of Maryland, in Special Session assembled, hereby endorses the proposed triple anniversary observance and commends the Washington County Historical Society for its efforts in advancing and promoting a recognition of the significance of these three important events in the history of our State and Nation.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Governor of Maryland be and he is authorized and requested to appoint a State Committee and an Interstate Committee to co-operate with, advise and assist the Washington County Historical Society in preparing for and directing such observances.

Approved April 29, 1936.