

to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the Representatives from Maryland in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Approved April 9, 1924.

NO. 21.

To create and to define the powers and duties of a State Commission, to associate with any similar commission created by Act of Congress of the United States and such other commissions as may be created by Act of the Legislatures of the respective States, and with civil committees created by the Sulgrave Institution and other civic bodies, in the commemoration of the most momentous and significant anniversary event in the history of the American people, namely, the bi-centennial of the birthday of George Washington, Father and founder of his country.

WHEREAS, A joint resolution has been introduced in the Senate and in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States authorizing and making appropriation for a National Commission, of which the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tem. of the Senate shall, ex officio, be members, to prepare and to carry out a comprehensive, completed plan for the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington on February 22, 1931; and

WHEREAS, The significance of this event transcends in importance any other historic event of a similar kind that has ever before been commemorated by the nation; and

WHEREAS, Past experience has taught that it takes from five to ten years to complete fitting and adequate plans for the commemoration of outstanding historic events; and

WHEREAS, Heretofore, the celebration of epochal events has always been marred by the incompleteness of preparations, monuments, etc., etc., necessitating delays in the inauguration of commemorations; and

WHEREAS, If any commemoration of the bi-centennial of the birth of George Washington that is commensurate with its importance and significance to the American people be held, then the time between the present day and the year 1932 is