

The James Monroe Memorial Foundation

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Dear Lineage/Patriotic Society Leader/James Monroe Supporter:

As a result of the national and state COVID-19 emergency declarations, including the prohibition on public gatherings, the James Monroe Memorial Foundation is reluctantly forced to **cancel both the April 25, 2020 ceremony at the Birthplace in Westmoreland County, and the April 28, 2020 ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.**

The Army has also advised us that it is postponing its portion of the Hollywood Cemetery ceremony until some future date. We will let you know if there is a postponed Army commemoration at some later date in 2020.

Please note on your calendars that in 2021 the James Monroe birthday ceremonies will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Birthplace in Westmoreland County, and on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

Assuming that the COVID-19 crisis has been alleviated and emergency orders have been lifted by the summer, please take the opportunity to visit the Birthplace on weekends between Memorial Day and Labor day when the Visitor Center will be open, and we are hopeful that the Birthplace house will also be open (final work on the interior is scheduled to be completed soon).

Thank you for your continued support.

Please pass along the news of the April 2020 event cancellations to your state and local society representatives or members.

We hope that you and your families stay safe during these challenging times, and we look forward to seeing you at the 2021 ceremonies.

Sincerely,

/s/ GWT
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