Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution

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RE: July 4th, 2020 Let Freedom Ring Ceremony at the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia

As the President of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, and on behalf of the 2020 Let Freedom Ring Organizing Committee, it gives me great pleasure to write to you.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, this year's Let Freedom Ring Ceremony on July 4* will take place at the Liberty Bell. This ceremony is a patriotic event organized by the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution (PSSR) and is held in accordance with Joint Congressional Resolution Number 25 of 1963, which mandates that bells ring thirteen times across America at exactly 2:00 p.m. (EDT) on July 4th in honor of the thirteen original states whose representatives were signatories of the Declaration of Independence.

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution is inviting the Army, Navy and Air Force, 419 national parks, historical museums, and the public to come together in solidarity to ring bells simultaneously across the nation. It is our sincere hope that you will join in the celebration this year.

The ceremony has been a Philadelphia tradition for over 50 years, and serves as the keystone celebration for thousands of other participants across the nation (and Americans around the world). The mission of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution is to perpetuate the memory of the men in the military and civil service of the colonies, and of the Continental Congress here in Philadelphia, who by their acts and counsel achieved the Independence of this country.

Sincerely,

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