

# HISTORIC HALIFAX- HALIFAX RESOLVES



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# N.C. FLAG-WHY THESE DATES?

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TOP DATE-  
MECKLENBURG  
RESOLVES (NORTH  
CAROLINA NO LONGER  
FOLLOWS BRITISH RULE)

MAY 20, 1775

BOTTOM DATE-HALIFAX  
RESOLVES (NORTH  
CAROLINA DECLARES  
INDEPENDENCE)

“FIRST IN FREEDOM!”

APRIL 12, 1776



# HISTORIC HALIFAX, N.C.

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HALIFAX WAS VERY WELL-  
KNOWN FOR ITS TAVERNS. PEOPLE  
DID A LOT OF THEIR BUSINESS  
THERE (INCLUDING POLITICAL  
BUSINESS).









# HALIFAX RESOLVES

- ❖ NORTH CAROLINA WAS THE FIRST COLONY TO DECLARE INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN
- ❖ APRIL 12, 1776
- ❖ THIS TOOK PLACE AFTER THE BATTLE OF MOORE'S CREEK (PENDER COUNTY, N.C.)





SITE OF  
FIRST COURTHOUSE

1758

MEETING OF FOURTH PROVINCIAL CONGRESS

APRIL 4-MAY 15, 1776

ADOPTION BY VOTE HARTDAX RESOLVES

APRIL 12, 1776

ADOPTION BY VOTE STATE CONSTITUTION

DEC 18, 1776

FIRST PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

AUGUST 1, 1776

~~ERECTED~~ BY

N.C. STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

AND

N.C. SOCIETY FOR PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES

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# INDEPENDENCE

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The "Halifax Resolves,"  
first formal sanction  
of American Indepen-  
dence, adopted in this  
town, April 12, 1776.

DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

1976



# WHAT ELSE IN HALIFAX?

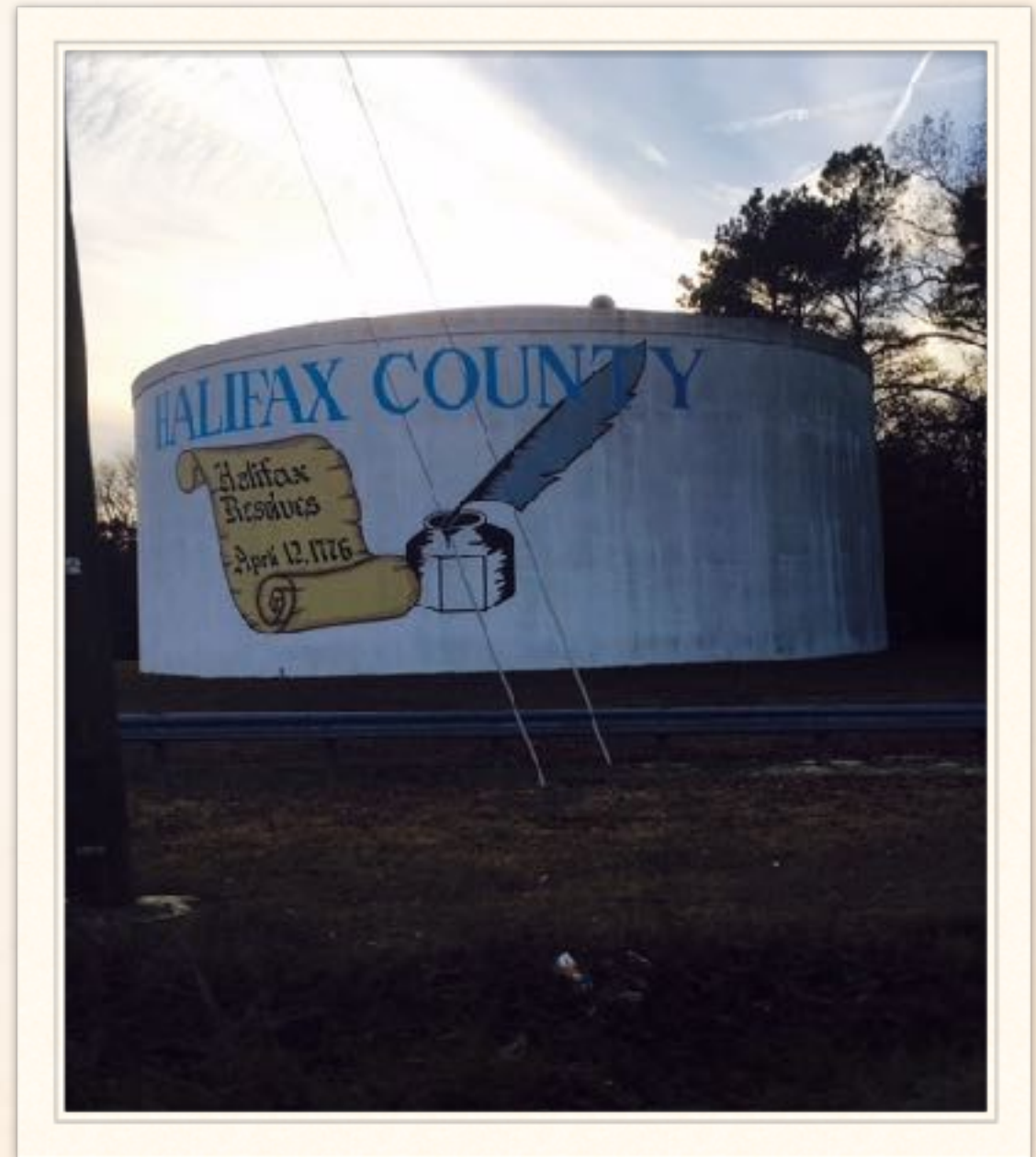
- ❖ HALIFAX ALSO SAW NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST STATE CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION OF FIRST STATE GOVERNOR (RICHARD CASWELL)





# INDEPENDENCE

- ❖ HALIFAX RESOLVES WAS OBVIOUSLY A FRONTRUNNER TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
- ❖ DOI WAS NOT ADOPTED UNTIL JULY 4, 1776 (TWO-PLUS MONTHS LATER)







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