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September 16, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

In accordance with RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Administrative Services to accept a Lafayette Farewell Tour Historical Marker, from The Lafayette Trail, Inc. which will be placed on the State House grounds between the existing Lafayette signs on the State House and the Lafayette elm. The value of this donation is approximately \$1,040.00.

EXPLANATION

The Lafayette Trail Inc. mission is to document, map, and mark General Lafayette's footsteps during his Farewell Tour of the United States. The Lafayette Farewell Tour Historical Marker has been donated by The Lafayette Trail Inc., through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation who is committed to supporting the celebration of community history.

This marker will be placed on the State House grounds between the existing Lafayette signs on the State House and the Lafayette elm; and will be an opportunity to memorialize General Lafayette's time in Concord during his Farewell Tour of the United States in 1824-1825 as our nation was coming up on the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution.

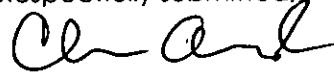
Lafayette's visit remains a source of pride for Granite Staters to this date. It reflects on the predominant military role that New Hampshire and its people played during the Revolutionary War. New Hampshire is one of the few states to have designated May 20 as New Hampshire Lafayette Day, a yearly reminder that Granite Staters collectively honor Lafayette's contribution to our state and country with an act of the legislature. In addition to that, in the regular session of the year 2019, Senate Bill 217 officially recognized the roads that Lafayette traveled in our state as the Lafayette Trail.

We believe this marker will be welcomed positively at the State House in Concord as a necessary celebration of our shared history and a powerful reminder of the significance of General Lafayette's contribution to our nation and of our alliance with France.

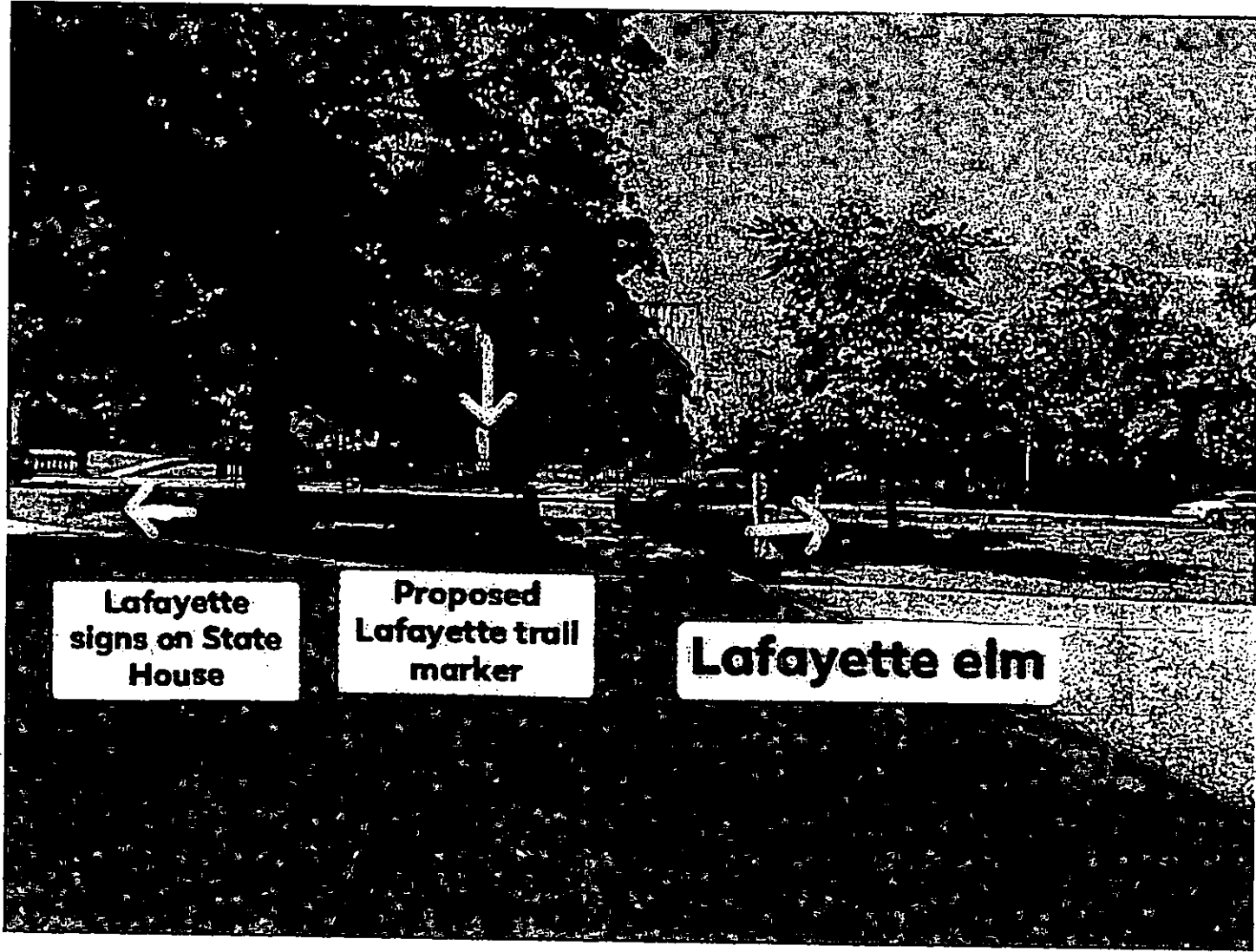
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This request was unanimously approved by the Joint Legislative Historical Committee on September 16, 2021, based on the initiative to support this marker placement on the State House grounds by Virginia Dryer of Plainfield, NH.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles M. Arlinghaus".

Charles M. Arlinghaus
Commissioner



**Lafayette
signs on State
House**

**Proposed
Lafayette trail
marker**

Lafayette elm



LAFAYETTE'S TOUR
ON SEPT. 1, 1824, GENERAL
LAFAYETTE WAS RECEIVED BY
THE CITIZENS OF GREENLAND
AT A TRIUMPHAL ARCH ERECTED
IN FRONT OF THE LOCAL HOTEL.

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