



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NEW YORK

# Proclamation

*Whereas, I am enormously proud to lead a city that played such a pivotal role in the foundation of our great nation. As a former colonial port city that evolved into a modern, global metropolis, New York boasts an extraordinary history, and we are grateful to local organizations that work to preserve our storied heritage. For more than a century, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York has been dedicated to championing the legacies of people and places associated with the American Revolution and those patriots who boldly declared our nation's right to self-determination.*

*Whereas, Established in 1883, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York preserves the memory of those who helped achieve American independence, collects documents and materials related to the Revolutionary War, places markers at significant sites from that era throughout the five boroughs, maintains Lower Manhattan's landmark Fraunces Tavern, and promotes the ideals of freedom and democracy that fueled the patriots and our founding fathers in their fight for independence. Each year, the organization commemorates momentous events, including the anniversaries of George Washington's birthday, the evacuation of New York by the British army, and the annual commemoration of the martyred spy Captain Nathan Hale at the foot of the statue in his honor which stands in City Hall Park.*

*Whereas, A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Yale University, Hale was 20 years old when he joined the Connecticut militia at the onset of the American War of Independence in 1775. By early 1776, he was commissioned as a captain in the Continental Army, and after American troops were defeated at the Battle of Brooklyn that August, Captain Hale courageously answered General George Washington's call for a soldier to secretly surveil British troop movements behind enemy lines. While collecting valuable intelligence in Manhattan, he was apprehended and sentenced to death by British officials. On September 22nd in 1776, the brave officer was executed by hanging—but not before he spoke his enduring final words: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Today, I am pleased to join the members of the Sons of the Revolution as they pay tribute to this early American hero who contributed to our cherished freedom and democracy. Captain Hale's courage and sacrifice will continue to inspire New Yorkers of all backgrounds as we unite to ensure his memory and legacy of service will never be forgotten.*

*Now therefore, I, Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, in the City of New York as:*

## *Captain Nathan Hale Day*

*Eric Adams*  
Eric Adams  
Mayor

