

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1999-8632**

By Senators Snyder, Fraser and Rasmussen

WHEREAS, The year 1999 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the death of America's Founding Father, George Washington; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was the indispensable figure in the creation of the United States of America, and served our nation as its first Commander in Chief and President with unparalleled distinction; and

WHEREAS, George Washington modeled for the world the peaceful transference power, a cornerstone of democracy; and

WHEREAS, George Washington, in the first presidential inaugural address, challenged all Americans with the task of preserving, for all ages, the "sacred fire of liberty"; and

WHEREAS, In 1853, the Territory of Washington was so named for the nation's hero; and

WHEREAS, In 1889, the state of Washington joined the Union as the Forty-Second State and became the only state named for a President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate proclaim 1999 as George Washington Year to celebrate the life and legacies of George Washington: First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1999-8632,
adopted by the Senate February 19, 1999.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate