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LAFAYETTE TRAIL HISTORIC MARKER PLACED AT THE SUFFOLK VISITOR CENTER

SUFFOLK, VA (November 30, 2020): Suffolk has been recognized as an official stop along The Lafayette Trail which highlights locations the Marquis de Lafayette visited during his farewell tour of America in 1824 and 1825. Suffolk is the first marker in Virginia to be installed. The commemorative marker is located at the Suffolk Visitor Center, the site of the Nansemond County Courthouse, where the townspeople hosted a grand banquet celebrating General Lafayette's visit to Suffolk on February 25, 1825. The Castle Inn, which was located a short distance from the courthouse, was selected for the General's overnight accommodations. The historic marker will be unveiled on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The Suffolk Visitor Center is located at 524 North Main Street in downtown historic Suffolk, Virginia. For more information on The Lafayette Trail, visit www.thelafayettetrail.org.

The Lafayette Trail, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to mapping and marking General Lafayette's footsteps during his 1824-1825 Farewell Tour in America. By drawing attention to everything Lafayette risked to advance the cause of American freedom and independence over 200 years ago, it aims to further cultural tolerance, shed light on past and present racial injustices, and encourage young people to become compassionate, global citizens.

For additional Suffolk information, visit www.VisitSuffolkVa.com or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/VisitSuffolkVa. You may also contact the Suffolk Division of Tourism at 757.514.4130 or VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us.

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