



**RESOLUTION OF THE  
JAMES MONROE LAW OFFICE MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF REGENTS  
IN SUPPORT OF REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF ELIZA KORTRIGHT MONROE HAY**

WHEREAS James and Elizabeth Kortright Monroe welcomed their firstborn child, Eliza Monroe, at Spring Hill in King George County, Virginia, in December 1786; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe spent the first years of her life in Fredericksburg, Virginia and resided with her family in France during James Monroe's diplomatic service there from 1794 to 1796; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe married George Hay of Virginia on September 28, 1808; and

WHEREAS during the presidency of James Monroe, 1817-1825, Eliza Monroe Hay assisted her mother, First Lady Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, in maintaining the presidential household; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe Hay gave selfless service caring for the sick both in her family and in the families of her acquaintances; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe Hay, after experiencing the death of her husband, mother, and father within ten months, from September 1830 to July 1831, and later suffered the death of her only child in 1834, traveled to France in 1838 on the advice that a sea voyage would improve her health; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe Hay died in Paris on January 27, 1840, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe Hay was interred in Pere Lachaise Cemetery in Paris, in a gravesite that has suffered the ravages of time; and

WHEREAS Eliza Monroe Hay merits honor for her service to the nation during the presidency of James Monroe; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of American patriots to repatriate her remains to her native country, and to reinter her remains with those of her father, James Monroe, her mother, Elizabeth Kortright Monroe, and her sister, Maria Monroe Gouverneur in the Monroe family plot in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Regents of the James Monroe Law Office Museum and Memorial Library on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024, that the Board honors Eliza Monroe Hay for her service to the nation; favors repatriation of the remains of Eliza Monroe Hay to her native country, and supports efforts for the interment of her remains in the Monroe family plot in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be conveyed to the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington for its consideration.

Signed this day, April 3, 2024, by Vincent A. DiBenedetto III, Chairman, James Monroe Law Office Museum and Memorial Library Board of Regents.

