

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2025-15**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE A PLAQUE-UNVEILING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY AT
POPKIN CEMETERY COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE OF SYLVESTER RICHMOND**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Road, in said Township on March 25, 2025, at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Knol, Reiser, Kerry, Yaple, Brant

Members Absent: Flintoft, Read

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Reiser and supported by Knol.

WHEREAS, the Revolutionary War broke out on April 19, 1775 and ended in 1783 with the signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3rd which recognized the United States as an independent nation,

WHEREAS, Sylvester Richmond was born in 1760 in Spencertown, Columbia County, New York

WHEREAS, Sylvester Richmond joined the Van Ness's New York Regiment and served as a scout for the war. This regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert Van Ness. The regiment was made up of citizen-soldiers that were farmers, laborers and tradesmen. Their duties included protecting their local communities, conducting reconnaissance, and responding to threats by the British forces.

WHEREAS, this regiment defended territory in upstate New York, particularly around Albany County. Their location helped to safeguard the supply routes along the Hudson River and through the Albany region which was critical for moving troops, provisions and communications between the colonies. The regiment contributed to regional stability and support for the Continental forces for the overall success of the Revolution.

WHEREAS, after the war the availability of new territories, including Michigan, were open for settlement where there was economic opportunity with ample forests, rivers and the Great Lakes in close proximity to support farming, for those willing to make the difficult move westward,

WHEREAS, after the passing of Sylvester Richmond's wife, Harriet Covell, Richmond in late 1826, left New York and travelled west, with his 3 sons, Morris 42, Simeon 24 and Alexander 17, to Michigan and settled in the area that is now known as Scio Township. The Richmonds did not own land at that time and likely made a friendly connection with James Popkin who settled only 9 months earlier in Scio Township,

WHEREAS, Sylvester Richmond passed away in 1832. James Popkin allowed Sylvester Richmond to be the first buried in Popkin Cemetery, Washtenaw County, Scio Township, Michigan in October of 1832.

WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution are holding a ceremony to be held at Popkin Cemetery, 4230 Pratt Road, Scio Township on May 18, 2025, at 2:00 pm to unveil a new headstone and bronze plaque in honor of Sylvester Richmond, in advance of the 250 year celebration of our nation and commemorate his service ties and contributions to the freedoms Americans have today,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scio Township Board of Trustees formally recognize this plaque unveiling and marker dedication ceremony at Popkin Cemetery to celebrate and commemorate the service of Sylvester Richmond as part of our country's and township's rich history.

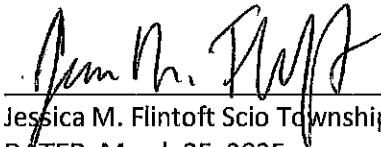
Roll Call Vote:

YES: Knol, Reiser, Kerry, Yapple, Brant

NO: None

ABSENT: Flintoft, Read

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.




Jessica M. Flintoft Scio Township Clerk
DATED: March 25, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I, Jessica Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on March 25, 2025 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976,

and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: March 25, 2025