



September 16, 2025

Mr. Victor Isler, County Manager
Guilford County
301 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Re: GFWCNC Dolley Madison Woman's Club of Greensboro
Fiftieth Anniversary
Dolley Madison Monument Grant Request

Dear Mr. Isler:

The DMWC of Greensboro is planning the observance of its 50th Anniversary to take place May 20, 2026. We would like to place a Dolley Madison Monument on the Courthouse Monument Plaza bordering West Market Street as part of this observance.

Dolley Payne Todd Madison, wife of President James Madison, 4th President of the United States is North Carolina's only First Lady and was born in Guilford County in Guilford College area. She was very influential politically and socially during her time at the White House and was credited with saving the Declaration of Independence and the Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington as well as other national treasures as the British were advancing during the burning of Washington in 1814.

There is no significant public monument attesting to her contribution and influence in North Carolina. As a civic club bearing her name, we believe it is time for one to be in Guilford County and the Guilford County Courthouse Greensboro site is the most appropriate. The timing also aligns with our Nation's 250th observance. This Dolley Madison Monument would serve a public purpose for all of our citizens.



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We are therefore asking Guilford County to partner with us on this our 50th Anniversary project by:

- Accepting the monument on the grounds of the Courthouse Monument Plaza on West Market Street.
- Contributing to the costs of the monument with a grant of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars).

The Dolley Madison Woman's Club members will contribute the balance of the costs of \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 (Five to Six Thousand Dollars).

The monument will be the same granite, size and shape as the League of Women Voters monument placed at the Courthouse Plaza a couple of years ago. The granite is from a Georgia quarry. (We include a picture for reference).

Also, we are excited to have the Greensboro History Museum partnering with us on the planning of the monument and the day's event which will conclude at the Museum.

As a matter of information, the DMWC has volunteered thousands of hours of community service in our schools, projects related to domestic violence, started two libraries, staffed at two hospitals, sponsored art competitions in schools, provided Christmas gifts to juvenile detention center youngsters annually and many other community projects over the fifty years. We have also raised funds and awarded thousands in high school scholarships annually and for the past several years have awarded scholarships to the Guilford County Family Justice Center for Camp Hope.



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We are faced with time constraints as the monument supplier is asking for 6 months or more to fulfill the contract.

We thank you for considering this request and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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