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To all our friends in the reenacting community.

It's no secret that reenacting is not what it used to be. Changing attitudes toward our country's founding values and the new technologies of modern America have made the study and enjoyment of living history almost a thing of the past. Our independent historic sites have shared that same fate and many have been forced to curtail hours, eliminate events and defer maintenance of these valuable historic assets.

In 2014 the Mohawk Country Association was formed to address these mounting problems. Since that time Mohawk Country has successfully lobbied county governments and foundations for the funds needed to reverse this alarming trend.

While we have made significant progress in the promotion and preservation of our historic sites it is our reenacting community that brings this history to life. Without the hundreds of living history enthusiasts it would not be possible to engage the public's interest and tell the many stories of life on the Mohawk frontier over 200 years ago.

In 2020 Mohawk Country will begin a new living historians program to offer re-enactor based events and programs in conjunction with our historic sites. New reenacting units will soon form at Mohawk Country historic sites beginning with Colonel Jacob Klock's Regiment at Fort Klock. More will follow in the months to come. Their purpose will be to support our historic sites by participating in events and interacting with the public. Programming will include tactical demonstrations, educational presentations and period artisans.

I truly believe that together we can work to recapture the public's imagination and bring Living History events and education back to our Mohawk Valley historic sites.

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