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Dear Commissioners,

Plans have already begun for the 2025 Reenactment and Living History Weekend at Fort Mims! The dates for this year will be Friday, August 29 through Sunday, August 31, 9-3 daily. Saturday, August 30th is the actual date of the attack—now 212 years later.

As planned by the Legislative Delegation, the County Commission has been tasked with distributing the funds for historic sites in Baldwin County. Ft Mims has been privileged to receive these funds annually and because of the funding, we are able to provide a remarkable event that portrays life in the Mississippi Territory in the early 1800s as well as the history of events leading to the tragedy that occurred right here in north Baldwin County on August 30, 1813. This site is on the National Register of Historic Sites, is recognized as a National Battlefield, and is an Alabama Historic site, and we are very pleased to provide this opportunity to everyone who attends!

Ft Mims and the Reenactment has been an event provided for Baldwin County citizens and visitors from Alabama and many surrounding states for over 40 years. Everyone involved with the Reenactment is dedicated to the goal of promoting Ft Mims and bringing recognition to this important site. Preservation of the site includes salvaging, nourishing, and re-introducing native and medicinal plants that thrive in the northern portion of the Tensaw/ Alabama River Delta. Preservation the knowledge of the clothing and attire of the era and everything to do with survival in the Mississippi Territory, before Alabama was a state, is something that should not be lost in attempting to keep a site 'nice and well groomed'. Without knowing about all aspects of that early life, we lose much of the meaning and importance of all who opened the area for settlement as the Westward and Southern Movement began happening as the nation was originally opened up. The recognition of Historic Preservation of everything possible during these times is of utmost importance in protecting and preserving an historic site, especially Fort Mims,

located in north Baldwin in a rural area where the earliest pioneers settled in the late 1790s! Ft Mims should not be forgotten.

Over the last 45 plus years, recognition of the importance of Ft Mims has been gained though the ever improving and very accurate portrayals of the Creek Indians as well as those early settlers to the Tensaw Country made during these annual Reenactments. Descendants and interested historians from all over the Southeast visit Ft Mims annually, but especially during this event! Dedicated reenactors study, discuss, and work diligently to provide an event that makes everyone understand life in this area over 200 years ago.

Because PRESERVATION includes HISTORIC PRESERVATION of a place, medicine, culture, attire, weaponry, and even remembering the struggles incurred during the early history of America during the early 1800s, the Fort Mims Restoration Association requests that the Baldwin County Commission will reconsider funding the Ft Mims Reenactment and Living History event through the Lease Tax Act of 2019. With those funds we can continue to promote, present, and preserve the amazing history of Ft Mims and the early Mississippi Territory for residents of Baldwin County, other areas of Alabama, and many in surrounding states. If you feel the Lease Tax has a different interpretation from past Commissions, I am asking that you, the Baldwin County Commission, please fund this amazing event provided for Baldwin County!

Thank you for your consideration,
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2024 Fort Mims Restoration Association
including Reenactment and Living History

2024 Reenactment:

Lamar-Billboards	\$ 750	
TV WPMI	1500	
Tree Work	1500	
T shirts	470	
Garbage	80	
Black powder	400	
Sound	400	
Help on site/cleaning	400	
Miller's Grand Events	2130	
Firewood	50	
Portalets	960	
Print Shop	110	
Amenities for Re-		
Enactors	1000	
Other charges incl BC	1200	
TOTAL:		\$10,950

FORT MIMS SCHOOL DAYS

APRIL 29th and 30th, 2025

9a-2p

Public, private, & home school
Students--All ages welcome

Please call and make your reservations for an amazing day to learn about the way of life in the Mississippi Territory in the early 1800s.

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