



Don Bernardo de Gálvez y Madrid

- Fifth Governor of Spanish Louisiana (1777-1783).
- Drove the British from the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, keeping vital supply lines open during the American War of Independence.
- Gave Louisiana its first military glory.
- Allowed to add the “I Alone” (“Yo Solo”) to his Coat of Arms by King Charles III.
- Positioned New Orleans as the Gateway to the Americas.
- Promoted to Viceroy of New Spain (Mexico and Central America)
- One of only eight persons awarded Honorary Citizenship by the United States of America, joining singular figures such as Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa.

Join the Bring Bernardo Back Brigade!

Let’s bring back the Gálvez monument and ensure its significance endures for generations to come. Your support will help us honor our past, celebrate our present, and shape our future.

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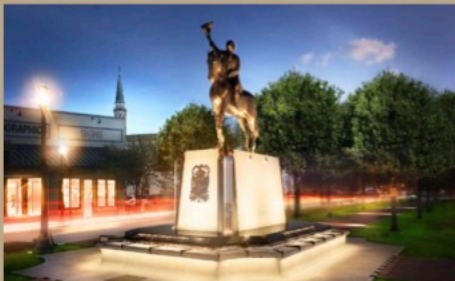


Proposed Site for the Gálvez Monument in
New Orleans

IMPORTANCE OF GALVEZ TO LOUISIANA

The Gálvez statue has particular significance to local members of the Hispanic community and lovers of New Orleans' rich history. Bernardo de Gálvez, military leader and administrator of the Spanish colony, played a crucial role in the American Revolutionary War. In 1777, during the period of Spanish administration, Gálvez became the fifth Governor of Louisiana at the age of 30. Gálvez provided vital support to the American colonies, contributing significantly to their fight for independence.

His strategic brilliance and unwavering commitment earned him the title "Hero of the American Revolution." His career was boosted by his father, a general in Central America, and his uncle, a royal minister under Charles III. The young governor quickly won the affection of the local colony when he married Marie Felicité de Saint-Maxent d'Estrehan, a beautiful Creole.



Gálvez Monument in Pensacola, Florida



Former site of monument in New Orleans.
Photographer: Richard E. Miller.

THE MONUMENT

Donated by the Government of Spain, the Bernardo de Gálvez Monument was erected in 1977 to commemorate the bicentennial year of the independence of the United States to which the Spanish Governor so decisively contributed.

When work began to convert the World Trade Center Building ("WTC") into a hotel and residences, the Four Seasons Group committed to protecting the statue by removing it during the construction phase and refurbishing it in preparation for its return to its historical site, guarding the river.

After a five-year absence, concerned residents want to raise the funds necessary to re-erect and relocate the Gálvez Monument on an enhanced pedestal, which the new restoration design recommends, and the monument deserves.

JOIN THE BRING BERNARDO BACK BRIGADE!

Echoing the efforts of the historic fundraising by THE LADIES OF HAVANA on behalf of George Washington Rebel Army in 1781, the Bring Bernardo Back Brigade was established under the Hispanic American Musicians Artists Cultural Association Inc. or HAMACA, a 501(c)3 organization to provide advice, direction, and seek funding sources that will ensure the Gálvez monument is re-erected at its prominent place on a proper pedestal.

GOAL: We aim to raise \$300,000 to construct an adequate pedestal, erect the monument, reinforce its structural integrity, and provide for its perpetual care. We can ensure that future generations can admire and learn from this historical monument by reaching this goal.

WHY DONATE?

Your contribution is a commitment to preserving history, fostering community pride, enriching the cultural fabric of New Orleans, and making a lasting impact on the community.

WAYS TO DONATE:

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Fundraising Events: Stay tuned for upcoming exciting fundraising events!