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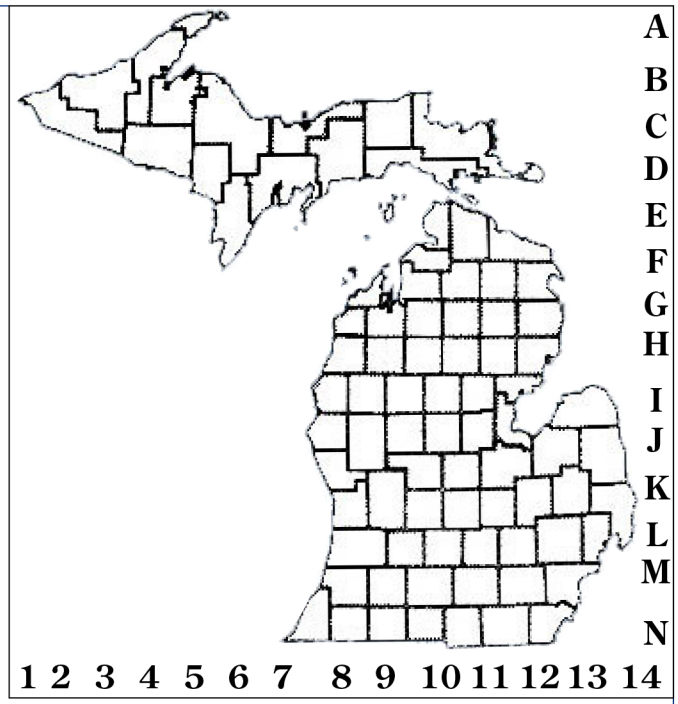
It was an easy decision and a pleasure to allow The Country Register of Michigan to use my Betsy Ross image. A little background on the image, I created the image to use as the basis for a cross-stitch pattern on our Etsy shop. I came up with the image design to add to other cross-stitch patterns I was creating for the 250th USA Anniversary. It has become one of our top sellers. My wife, Karen and I live in West Virginia and split our time with a second home in Charleston, South Carolina. We both are writers of fiction novels and currently have books on Apple Books and other sites. As a offer to the readers of The Country Register of Michigan, from September to the end of 2026, I am offering a 25% off coupon code (YOUSAVE25) for any interested readers to use for cross-stitch patterns from my TK Market Designs Etsy shop.

Thomas Turner

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"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Convocation Prayer of the First Continental Congress

Author: Jacob Duché • Date: September 7, 1774
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"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle! Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen."

