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 First Day City: Frederick, Maryland
 Designer: Ron Adair
 Dallas, Texas
 Modeler: Clarence Holbert
 Press: Gravure
 Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, black tone and black line
 Image Area: .84 x 1.44 inches or
 21.33 x 36.57 millimeters
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John Hanson Commemorative Stamp

A 20-cent commemorative stamp honoring John Hanson, the American Revolutionary patriot from Maryland, will be issued November 5 in Frederick, Maryland.

John Hanson was the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation. He was elected on November 5, 1781, and thus is regarded by some as the "first president of the United States." However, the office of president of the United States was not officially created until the U.S. Constitution was adopted, so Hanson was only president of the Continental Congress and not the chief executive of the United States.

Hanson served one year as the "President of the United States in Congress Assembled." Under his administration, peace terms were initiated, treaties were negotiated and government departments were organized.

Procedures for ordering first day cancellations are as follows:

Customers are urged to buy stamps and affix them to their own covers. All covers must be addressed on the right side of envelopes at least $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch up from the bottom. Insert a filler in each envelope and mail them to: "Customer Affixed Envelopes, Postmaster, Frederick, MD 21701-9991" by November 19. There is no charge.

The Postal Service will affix stamps when requested to do so. Mail orders by November 19 to: "John Hanson Stamp, Postmaster, Frederick, MD 21701-9992." The cost is 20 cents per stamp to be affixed, and personal checks in the exact amount will be accepted for orders up to the limit of 50 covers. Postage stamps and cash are unacceptable as payment.



A stock list of stamps available at face value may be obtained by a request to the Philatelic Sales Division, Washington, DC 20265-9997.

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