

## THOMAS SULLY

American, 1783–1872

*George Washington*, n.d.

Oil on canvas

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Thomas Sully was one of the most prolific portrait painters of his time. His impressive list of patrons includes American Presidents Andrew Jackson and Thomas Jefferson, Lord Byron, and a young Queen Victoria. Completing over two thousand portraits across his seventy-year long career, Sully painted a remarkable twenty-one portraits of George Washington to meet the recurring demand for images of this American icon. Influenced by Gilbert Stuart's portrait of the first president and emphasizing a high level of realism, Sully depicts George Washington in an immediately recognizable manner.