

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the
2 United States of America.

3 WHEREAS, July 4th, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary, or Semiquincentennial,
4 of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress
5 in Philadelphia in 1776, signifying the founding of the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed timeless principles of
7 profound significance to the national heritage of the United States, including that all are
8 created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the
9 pursuit of happiness, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of
10 the governed; and

11 WHEREAS, the founding of the United States established the principle of
12 federalism, emphasizing a decentralized system of government wherein powers are
13 divided between national and state governments, fostering liberty, accountability, and
14 responsiveness to local communities; and

15 WHEREAS, this decentralized governance model has allowed for innovation,
16 diverse policy approaches, and stronger accountability to the citizens of each state,
17 ensuring that government remains close to and reflective of the people's will; and

18 WHEREAS, the founding of the United States initiated a journey toward forming a
19 "more perfect Union," marked by historic achievements, struggles, and progress in
20 realizing the nation's founding ideals for all its citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has played a significant role
22 throughout the history of the United States, contributing to the nation's development,
23 culture, economy, and defense through the efforts and sacrifices of its citizens; and

24 WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial offers a unique opportunity for the people of
25 Kentucky to reflect on our shared history, honor the diverse contributions of all
26 Americans, celebrate our heritage of liberty, and look forward to the future we strive to
27 create for subsequent generations; and

1 WHEREAS, commemorative activities across Kentucky will provide educational
2 opportunities, foster civic engagement, encourage community participation, and
3 strengthen appreciation for the history, federalist principles, and foundational ideals upon
4 which both the nation and our Commonwealth were built;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize and
9 commemorate the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of
10 America on July 4th, 2026.

11 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives encourage all citizens,
12 communities, educational institutions, civic organizations, and businesses within
13 Kentucky to participate in commemorative events and activities that reflect on our
14 history, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of liberty,
15 equality, self-government, and federalism.

16 ➔Section 3. The members of the House of Representatives strongly encourage
17 educational institutions across Kentucky to enhance civics education, ensuring that future
18 generations understand the critical importance of active civic participation, the principles
19 of federalism, and the decentralized governance that protects liberty and promotes
20 responsive government.

21 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
22 copy of this Resolution to Representative James Tipton.

23 ➔Section 5. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to send a copy
24 of this Resolution to every school district in Kentucky.