

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR / CITY OF DALLAS



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, declaring the thirteen American colonies as a new, independent nation; On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding; and

**WHEREAS**, On this day, communities across America are pausing to reflect upon our nation's extraordinary journey, honor the generations of Americans who have shaped our history, and renew our commitment to a brighter future for those yet to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Dallas is commemorating America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a variety of events across the city, including Independence Day celebrations at Fair Park and Klyde Warren Park; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Dallas is proudly displaying a rare, original copy of the Declaration of Independence in the Hall of State at Fair Park, offering residents and visitors a unique opportunity to experience our nation's founding document and reflect on its enduring principles of liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout 2026, the Dallas Public Library is hosting "250 Years of Us: Reading America's Past, Writing Our Future," which invites residents to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary through educational programs, historical exploration, and the "Amazing Race for Independence" activity challenge; and


**WHEREAS**, Dallas exemplifies the values of America's founding more than any other city and embodies at its very core the belief that every person ought to have the freedom and opportunity to determine his or her own destiny; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Dallas proudly joins in the nationwide observance of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, celebrating the people, stories, and ideals that have shaped our nation while recommitting to the promise of freedom for generations yet to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC L. JOHNSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DALLAS**, do hereby recognize Saturday, July 4, 2026, as the

## 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

in Dallas, Texas.

  
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*Mayor, The City of Dallas*

