

About “Sharing the Spirit of America” – July 8, 2026

The premise of ‘Sharing the Spirit of America’ is pretty simple; it is the simultaneous reading of the Declaration of Independence across the country, where Americans are reading the document ‘together’ at the ‘same’ time.

Just as the Declaration of Independence was read to the people for the first time on July 8, 1776, now, 250-years later, Americans in all 50 States, 5 Territories, DC, and US Minor Outlying Islands will read the Declaration of Independence ‘together’.

The American spirit, principles, and values memorialized in the Declaration of Independence 250-years ago continue to hold true today.

The “self evident” “truths”, then, “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” are valid today, as are the personal and collective responsibilities we share in protecting and perpetuating these values.

With a start time of 6 pm (EDT), Wednesday, July 8, 2026 (to commemorate the first public reading), people in communities across America (the Caribbean across North America to the western edge of the Pacific) will begin reading the Declaration of Independence.

Unlike the extent of the Colonies in 1776, today, America spans about 9,500-miles from one extreme to the other. Even though the United States is spread across thousands of miles and ten different time zones, all of us in America may read the Declaration of Independence ‘together’, at the ‘same’ time.

The scheduled reading time correlates to the relative time in each portion of America, based on its own timekeeping.

The time conversions note the corresponding local time commensurate with 6 pm (EDT). Given the nature of time and varying time zones, at these times, we would all be reading the Declaration of Independence ‘together’, despite our differing and widely separated locations.

(For instance, 6 pm (EDT), July 8, 2026 in Philadelphia is the same moment as 8 am, July 9, 2026 in Guam. (Guam and two other US Territories are west of the International Date Line.))

The intent is to have Americans, across the country reading the Declaration Independence ‘together’. Using the time conversions noted, it shows that Americans across the country can do it together (on the same day as it was read 250 years ago).

This is a great unifying program for all Americans, wherever we are. And it certainly includes and links us to the 250th Anniversary of the United States, the approval of the Declaration of Independence.

Please join other Americans across the country in a unified, positive, significant moment.