



Proclamation

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as marked by the approval of the Declaration of Independence in 1776; and

WHEREAS, this historic milestone is an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generations; and

WHEREAS, the historic events preceding and following the adoption of the Declaration of Independence are of major significance in the development of the national heritage and defense of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, one such action occurred when the Second Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with the following Resolution: "Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruize eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct."; and

WHEREAS, despite the overwhelming odds, the Continental Navy seized hundreds of British vessels, some off the coast of the British Isles themselves, contributing to the demoralization of the enemy and forcing the British to divert warships to protect convoys and trade routes.

WHEREAS, the Continental Navy helped win the war; and

WHEREAS, after the American Revolutionary War, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress "to provide and maintain a navy." Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on April 30, 1798; and

WHEREAS, today, America is a maritime nation and for 250 years the U.S. Navy has sailed the globe as America's primary forward deployed force to deter and defeat threats to our liberty. The U.S. Navy's dominance has made it an indispensable foreign policy tool and a guarantor of global trade on the world's interconnected oceans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2025, to be

THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY



Done this 5th day of October, 2025,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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