



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION

## America250

**WHEREAS**, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 114-196, July 22, 2016, 130 Stat. 685 ("P.L. 114-196"), established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission and its nonprofit partner, the America250 Foundation, to collaborate with affiliates at the local, territorial, state, tribal, regional, national and international levels to educate, engage and unite Americans throughout a commemorative period concluding in 2027; and

**WHEREAS**, in passing P.L. 114-196, Congress found that July 4, 2026, is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of the Independence in 1776, and the historic events preceding that anniversary, are of major significance in the development of the national heritage of the United States of individual liberty, representative government, and the attainment of equal and inalienable rights, and have had a profound influence throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2022 legislative session, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution HCR 166, 31st Leg., Reg. Sess. (2022) ("HCR 166") that states, in part, that the Governor is requested to establish a Hawai'i Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial by Executive Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2023, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of Hawai'i, via Executive Order No. 23-04, established a commission to be known as the "Hawai'i Semiquincentennial Commission," also to be known as the "Hawai'i America250 Commission," to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate in the State of Hawai'i, the commemoration of the history of the United States leading to the founding of the United States celebrated on the 250th anniversary of the founding; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of via Executive Order No. 23-04 is to provide for the coordinated observance and commemoration events and activities within the State of Hawai'i commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i America250 Commission is made up of a diverse group of citizens from across the islands, including at least two members from each County, including the County of Kaua'i; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that the County of Kaua'i engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DEREK S.K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR, COUNTY OF KAUA'I**, do hereby proclaim that the County of Kaua'i fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and during the Commission's stated length of observance: now through December 31, 2027.

Derek S.K. Kawakami  
Mayor, County of Kaua'i  
State of Hawai'i