

## County of Maui

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a pivotal moment in the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Congress established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission through P.L. 114-196 on July 22, 2016, to engage Americans in a commemorative period lasting until 2027, celebrating the nation's heritage of liberty and representative government; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution HCR 166 in 2022, requesting the Governor to establish a Hawai'i Commission on the United States Semiquincentennial, leading to the creation of the Hawai'i Semiquincentennial Commission via Executive Order No. 23-04 on December 15, 2023, to coordinate commemorative events across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i America250 Commission consists of diverse citizens from across the State, including representatives from each County, ensuring inclusive participation in the commemoration; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the County of Maui actively engages with its history and embraces a shared future through commemorative activities leading up to and during the observance of the semiquincentennial from now until December 31, 2027.

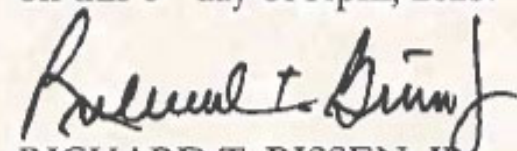
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR., Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby proclaim July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as

## HAWAI'I AMERICA250 DAY

throughout the County of Maui and encourage all residents to engage in the activities and events organized by the Hawai'i America250 Commission, fostering a deeper understanding of our shared history and promoting unity across our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i,  
on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.

Mayor, County of Maui

