



Proclamation

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2016, Congress 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, the historic events preceding July 4, 1776, 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 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, established a commission to be known as the "Hawai'i Semiquincentennial Commission", also to be known as the "Hawai'i America250 Commission" ("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 the Executive Order 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;

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 City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the City and County of Honolulu engages fully with our past and looks toward a shared future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim that the City and County of Honolulu will fully engage in commemorative activities leading up to and during the Commission's stated length of observance: now through December 31, 2027.

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Done this 1st day of January, 2025,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

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