

**NEW VERBIAGE FOR THE 250<sup>TH</sup> YEAR**

# **250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JULY 4, 1776 – JULY 4, 2026**

**WHEREAS,** on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, establishing the United States of America and affirming the principles of liberty, equality, and self-government; and

**WHEREAS,** the year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a historic milestone known as the Semiquincentennial; and

**WHEREAS,** for two and a half centuries, the United States has stood as a symbol of freedom, democracy, and opportunity, shaped by the courage, innovation, and dedication of its people; and

**WHEREAS,** this anniversary provides an opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the nation's history, honor the contributions of those who came before us, and inspire future generations to continue the work of building a more perfect union; and

**WHEREAS,** communities across the nation will commemorate this historic anniversary through educational programs, community events, historical recognition, and celebrations that highlight the nation's heritage and shared values; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing this milestone encourages civic pride, community engagement, and appreciation for the freedoms and responsibilities of citizenship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be celebrated as the

## **250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of June 2026.

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**DAVE EGGERS**, Chairman

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**CHRIS LATVALA**, Vice Chairman

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**RENÉ FLOWERS**, Commissioner

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**VINCE NOWICKI**, Commissioner

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**KATHLEEN PETERS**, Commissioner

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**CHRIS SCHERER**, Commissioner

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**BRIAN SCOTT**, Commissioner