



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and future generations, the Founding Fathers of the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, proclaiming the thirteen American colonies free and independent from the King of England's rule; and

WHEREAS, founded as a democratic republic with three coequal branches of government and a Constitution that limits government and protects the rights of the People, the United States has endured as the world's oldest continuous constitutional republic and remains a beacon of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the freedoms Americans enjoy today have been preserved through the courage, sacrifice, and selfless service of generations of military men and women who defended our nation at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, from majestic mountains and fertile plains to mighty rivers, forests, and abundant natural resources, the United States has been blessed with a landscape that has sustained generations of Americans and inspired stewardship for those who will follow; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, America's symbols, music, literature, art, architecture, and innovation have reflected the enduring character, resilience, and creativity of its people while strengthening the bonds that unite our nation; and

WHEREAS, the ideals of liberty, equality, self-government, and the pursuit of a more perfect Union continue to inspire future generations and serve as a beacon of hope and freedom throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, through the leadership of the America 250 Missouri Commission, comprised of representatives from the public and private sectors, trade associations, fraternal organizations, and veterans organizations, Missouri will commemorate this historic milestone throughout 2026 with statewide events, community projects, educational initiatives, and patriotic celebrations honoring our nation's founding; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of its founding, marking two and a half centuries of freedom, self-government, and opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2026, to be

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 4th day of July 2026.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
SECRETARY OF STATE