



**WHEREAS**, the United States of America will commemorate its 250th anniversary on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting the American colonies' freedom from British rule and laying the foundation for the principles of democracy and self-governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, known as the America250 Commission ([america250.org](http://america250.org)) was established by Congress in 2016 to plan and orchestrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, aiming to engage all Americans in commemorating this historic event through educational initiatives.

**WHEREAS**, it is important to commemorate and honor the observance of the founding of the United States of America as well as Deadwood's imperative role in our nation's history; and

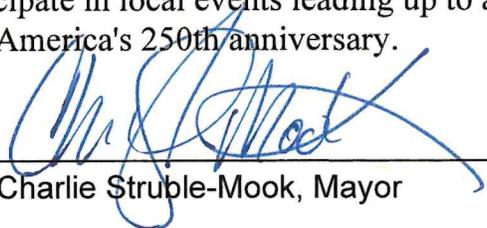
**WHEREAS**, recognizing and supporting America250 will help ensure a meaningful and educational commemoration for all residents and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, this commemoration provides an opportunity to reflect on the historical significance of the United States and honor the achievements of its people and inspire civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Deadwood formally supports South Dakota's America250 Commission and its mission to commemorate our nation's 250th anniversary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Deadwood City Commission encourages all residents and visitors participate in local events leading up to and culminating on July 4, 2026, to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.



  
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Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor