

The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution



**Proclamation Recognizing the 250th Anniversary
of the Declaration of Independence**

WHEREAS July 4, 2026, marks the 250th Anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution honors the service and sacrifice of our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Nation; and

WHEREAS members of the Sons of the American Revolution from across the Nation will gather in Philadelphia, the birthplace of American independence, to commemorate this historic anniversary, and chapters and state societies will celebrate America 250 in communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS the enduring principles of liberty, self-government, individual responsibility, and equal rights proclaimed in 1776 remain as relevant today as they were 250 years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Elston, President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2026, to be **Independence Day 250** and a special day of celebration within the Sons of the American Revolution, and I call upon all members, chapters, and state societies to commemorate this historic anniversary through patriotic observances, educational programs, public ceremonies, and community celebrations.

As we celebrate America's Semiquincentennial, let us honor the courage and sacrifice of the Revolutionary generation and renew our commitment to preserving the freedoms they secured. May the ideals of 1776 continue to inspire and guide our Nation for generations to come as we continue to strive toward an ever "more perfect Union."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to be affixed on this 29th day of June 2026, in the 250th year of the Independence of the United States.

Michael J. Elston
President General

