

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH'S CELEBRATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted for independence from Great Britain by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2, 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, the date on which the United States of America's independence is annually observed; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of independence; and

WHEREAS, Georgia was one of the thirteen original colonies that declared independence, with Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, and George Walton signing the Declaration on behalf of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Savannahians made significant contributions to the fight for our nation's independence, including John Houstoun as one of the original Liberty Boys rallying the cause in Georgia who would later serve as Savannah's first mayor and Abigail Minis who provided significant financial support to the Continental forces; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2026, our nation will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and local communities have been encouraged to plan and celebrate with events that educate and honor this achievement and its ongoing positive effects in the world; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this important milestone, the City of Savannah will join communities across Chatham County, Georgia, and the nation in commemorating and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah appoint the Mayor and/or his designees, to work with the City Manager and his staff, along with community partners, to develop a plan to commemorate and celebrate the United States of America's 250th anniversary.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia on this the ___ day of ___, 2026.

Van R. Johnson, II

Mayor

ATTEST:

Mark Massey

Clerk of Council