

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE
250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, JULY 4, 2026**

WHEREAS, July 4th, 2026, commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, the United States of America was founded upon the revolutionary principles proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence that, “[w]e hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness[,] [t]hat to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed”;

WHEREAS, these principles are the heritage of all Americans, regardless of ethnicity, national origin, religion, or political affiliation;

WHEREAS, it is right and proper that citizens and residents of the City of Newport Beach (“City”) should be encouraged to commemorate and celebrate the historical ideals and aspirations embodied in the Declaration of Independence, and to reflect on the origin of the City, its history, and contributions to the development of California and the United States;

WHEREAS, a 250th anniversary celebration presents an opportunity for citizens to engage in the civic affairs of the community and to listen and learn from their collective history and each other in order to make a lasting positive impact on the community for generations to come;

WHEREAS, organizations such as USA250-OC have been formed to engage all Orange Countians in this once-in-a-generation opportunity to reflect on our founding principles, shared heritage, celebrate our achievements, look to our future, and collectively work towards a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, USA250-OC, acting in strategic partnerships with cities, governments, civic organizations and others, engages Orange Countians through a dynamic website and robust social media to provide public access to a broad range of historical resources and significant programs focusing on our American founding and other issues of civic interest, while serving as a catalyst for stimulating creativity, integrating experiences of all Orange Countians, and building a sense of community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1: The City of Newport Beach hereby recognizes July 4th, 2026, as the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the United States of America, and a celebration of two-and-a-half centuries of the nation of unalienable rights, including but not limited to, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Section 2: The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the substantive part of this resolution.

Section 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4: The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution and the amendment of the foregoing Council Policies is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June, 2026.

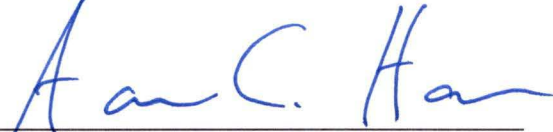
Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney