



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone gives us the chance to reflect on our nation's past, and to honor the brave men and women who achieved American Independence; and

WHEREAS, The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization, established in 1890, whose members are directly descended from the Patriots who believed in the noble cause of liberty and fought valiantly to create a new nation; and

WHEREAS, Although Florida wasn't a colony, it played a role in the Revolutionary War with four battles occurring in Florida: the Battle at Thomas Creek, the Battle at Alligator Creek Bridge, the Siege of Pensacola, and the last Naval Battle off the Coast of Cape Canaveral; and

WHEREAS, The 250th Celebrations started with the Commemoration of the Boston Tea Party in 2023 and will end with the anniversary of the Signing of the Treaty of Paris in 2033. These events will inspire future generations to pass on our ideals of democracy and liberty; and

WHEREAS, We invite Manatee County to help the DAR "Illuminate Our Legacy" by Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of America with the purpose of reflecting on the sacrifices our ancestors made for freedom that made the United States a unique nation in the world community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that July 4, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



June 2, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

America's 250th Anniversary

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating July 4, 2026, as "America's 250th Anniversary".

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a non-political women's service organization, established in 1890, whose members are lineally descended from Patriots of the American Revolution.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A