



CITY OF MONROE

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PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNING P-2026-01

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed, marking the birth of the United States and affirming that all people are endowed with inherent rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of this defining moment in our nation's history, providing an opportunity to reflect upon the ideals that shaped the founding of the United States and continue to guide our democracy today; and

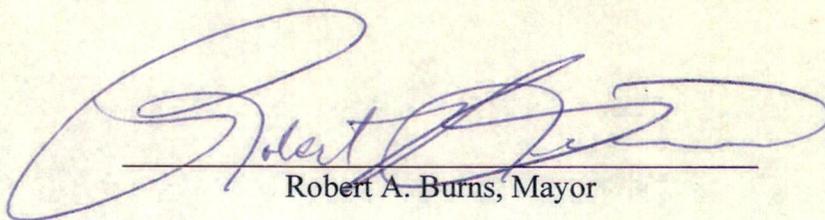
WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary is being recognized at the national and state levels, with communities across the nation encouraged to honor the sacrifices, achievements, and civic spirit of those who have contributed to the American story over the past 250 years; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a vital role in upholding democratic values, encouraging civic participation, and preserving community history for current and future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Monroe City Council that July 4, 2026, and the year 2026 be recognized as a time to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, and that the City of Monroe will commemorate this milestone through civic engagement, educational, and community-oriented events throughout the year to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals upon which the United States was founded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, duly adopted by the Monroe City Council during the January 13, 2026 City Council Strategic Planning Meeting and signed by the Mayor on behalf of the Monroe City Council.




Robert A. Burns, Mayor