



WHAT IS AMERICA'S 250TH?

The year 2026 will mark 250 years since the founding of the United States as marked by the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

This commemoration is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to come together with a shared purpose in reflecting on the past and building stronger, more connected communities in the future.

As we look to “form a more perfect union,” we invite all Washington communities—regardless of size, capacity, or location—to join us in participating in America's 250th.

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America250WA.org

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Washington's Semiquincentennial (250) Committee provides guidance for our state's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The committee is chaired by the lieutenant governor, managed by the Washington State Historical Society, and is comprised of state legislators and a variety of representatives from state agencies and commissions. The committee meets each quarter to discuss commemorative activities and meetings are open to the public.

Learn more about the committee at:
America250WA.org/About/

The 250th anniversary of the United States' Declaration of Independence is coming in 2026

Join the effort by becoming an official partner



COMMUNITY DRIVEN

- **Advocate for and/or join a 250th commemorative committee in your community** – We are inviting every county to form a committee to be our main point of contact and to lead planning and outreach for local activities
- **Partner with diverse local groups**
Connect your community by including and engaging with all voices, particularly groups that have been left out of traditional historical narratives
- **Collaborate with local history organizations** – Use this opportunity to share your community's story, invest in preserving history as a civic priority, and help make the public more aware of your local history
- **Promote heritage tourism**
Highlight the historical and cultural sites important to your community to boost economic development
- **Engage young people in your community's planning** – The young people of today will shape the America of tomorrow



BECOME A PARTNER

Join the team!

Local partnerships are key to ensuring all Washingtonians are able to participate in the 250th. We are asking organizations across the state to sign up to be an official 250 partner.

Partners will receive regular planning updates and creative engagement ideas that you can adapt for your community. Once you've signed up, let your community know you're a partner and help us spread the word about America's 250th across the state!



Become an official partner:
www.America250WA.org/Partners

COMMEMORATIVE THEMES

We the People

- Understanding the founding principles of liberty, equality, and democracy as well as the importance of Tribal sovereignty
- Inspiring more active and meaningful civic engagement
- Examining who has been included, and excluded, in the concept of "we the people" throughout history

Power of Place

- Exploring how geography and place shape Washington communities and stories
- Preserving places to give Washingtonians a shared sense of identity and community
- Reflecting on events in the Pacific Northwest during the Revolutionary era that shaped our nation

Sharing History

- Sharing more inclusive histories to better understand the past and build a stronger future
- Supporting local history organizations and improving history and civics education
- Engaging all generations in learning about and appreciating history